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Recanati family quits bank but will maintain control

By PINHAS LANDAU
Post Finance Reporter

The Recanati family is leaving Israel Discount Bank en bloc, but will continue to maintain strategic control through the bank's parent company, IDB Bankholding Corporation.

Yesterday's shock announcement of the resignation of chairman Raphael Recanati and inner management committee chairman Eli Cohen, as well as two other members of the Recanati family, came during an emotional board meeting hastily called to consider Sunday's cabinet vote authorizing the Bank of Israel to suspend Raphael Recanati.

All the resignations are associated with the Israel Discount Bank and its subsidiaries and affiliates in Israel and abroad. Foremost among them are the Israel Dis-

count Bank of New York (with assets of \$3.7b.), the largest Israeli bank in the U.S. and the 14th biggest commercial bank in New York State.

However, all four men who resigned - Raphael Recanati, his son Ehud (Udi), his nephew Leon, and Eli Cohen - will continue to sit on the board of IDB Bankholding, with Raphael Recanati as chairman. The family holds the major stake in this corporation (see page 9) and thus retains ultimate control of Israel Discount Bank, 60 per cent of which is owned by IDB.

The tough bankers were not ashamed to show their emotions. Some even wept at the realization that the 51-year era of Recanati control of the bank they had founded was at an end.

But accepting that the bank's welfare

depended on continuity, they immediately called in Yosef Ciechanover, head of the Discount Bank's U.S. investment branch, to inform him that he was now chairman.

Recanati issued a statement saying he made his decision "with deep regret." Although he continued to regard the personal recommendations of the Bejski Commission as "unjust and without legal foundation," the Recanati family and Israel Discount Bank "have always acted in accordance with the law and cooperated with the policy and decisions of the government...in this spirit...I considered myself obliged to resign from all my positions of office with Israel Discount Bank without appealing the government's decision."

The board of directors, summoned to the 2 p.m. meeting with almost no prior warning, appealed to Recanati and to his son

and nephew as well as to Eli Cohen, whose own statements of resignation followed directly on the chairman's, to remain, but were rebuffed. The fact that news of the supposedly secret meeting had leaked to the media forced the board immediately to appoint a new chairman and managing director, the two key posts which Recanati had held and was vacating.

The decision to appoint Ciechanover as chairman and Gideon Lahav as managing director, thereby splitting the two functions, as had been done in Bank Leumi when Ernest Japhet resigned, was presented as a surprise move. But rumours had been circulating in financial circles for several weeks that Ciechanover would be the candidate for chairman if Recanati was forced to stand down.

However, the resignations of the two



Discount's new chairman, Yosef Ciechanover (Aliza Auerbach)

younger Recanatis, both in their late 30s, who occupied senior executive positions in the bank, and of Cohen, the family's most

trusted aide and the man who has effectively run the bank on a day-to-day basis for the last decade, caught most observers by surprise. Cohen and Lahav were the most senior non-family executives in the bank, and one of them was the inevitable choice for managing director. When Cohen chose to resign along with Recanati, Lahav's promotion became certain.

IDB shares, which were among those "regulated" in the years prior to 1983, are covered by the "arrangement" with the Treasury. The Bejski commission of inquiry recommended that Raphael Recanati stand down from both the bank and IDB, although it made no recommendations regarding Cohen or the other Recanatis.

However, Bank of Israel Governor Michael Bruno's request - and subsequent (Continued on Page 9)

Air Force hits terror bases in Beirut area

Post Defence Reporter
and agencies

Israel Air Force planes demolished targets in terrorist bases in the Druse-held hills south of Beirut yesterday, killing at least two terrorists and wounding a dozen. Some reports said two Druse militiamen died in the bombing.

Several buildings in Raymour used by terrorists of the Syrian-backed Abu Musa faction, opposed to PLO chief Yasser Arafat, were set ablaze during the raid, Lebanese police reported.

In Ainab, a three-storey house used as a command centre by George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine was flattened. Nearby, a four-storey stone building used by the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine was demolished. The three upper floors collapsed over the ground floor in a heap of rubble, eye-witnesses reported.

The IDF spokesman announced that all the IAF planes returned safely to base and reported accurate hits on local headquarters of pro-Syrian terrorist groups situated nine kilometres northeast of the coastal town of Damour.

Syria has encouraged attacks against Israel by groups based in Lebanon and is known to be behind a number of attempts to hit Israeli targets abroad, Israeli defence sources said.

Yesterday's air raid follows the interception of a terrorist squad trying to infiltrate into Israel from the sea last Thursday in which two IDF soldiers and four terrorists were killed. Hours after that clash, IAF helicopters rocketed offices of pro-Syrian terrorists in Ein Elwe, South Lebanon.

The PFLP claimed responsibility for the attempted infiltration.

According to a PFLP spokesman yesterday, the building hit in Ainab was empty when the planes struck. "The PFLP command had anticipated" (Continued on Page 2, Col. 5)



Attorney-General Yosef Harish, left, with Tourism Minister Avraham Sharir during a break in yesterday's cabinet meeting. (Isaac Harari)

The steeling of an attorney-general

Attorney-general Yosef Harish has confounded his detractors and astonished his critics. He has pulled the General Security Service affair out from under the carpet, where the politicians had tried to sweep it, and ensured that there will be a major investigation. He has, in effect, brought the affair back to the point it was at when his predecessor, Yitzhak Zamir, was so gracefully ousted by the cabinet more than a month ago. Harish's resolute attitude, also demonstrated at yesterday's cabinet meeting, has thoroughly alienated the Likud ministers.

Throughout the past week, and

There are a number of ironies in this, some of which cannot have been lost on Justice Minister Yitzhak Moda'i and Prime Minister Shimon Peres, the men who managed over a weekend to oust Zamir and replace him with a relatively unknown - reputedly slow and solid - judge from Tel-Aviv. Moda'i and Peres must have hoped that, by getting rid of the stubbornly insistent Zamir, they had stifled and effectively ended the affair.

The fact that Harish accepted the nomination in circumstances many of his fellow jurists would have rejected, strengthened the feeling that Moda'i and Peres had indeed found a docile party to suppress the affair.

Then came Harish's two-three week initiation in office. His critics quickly pounced on his slow "studying of the material" and on the fact that he was not consulting with Zamir's former chief aides and senior Justice Ministry officials Yehudit Karp, Yehudit Tsur, Dorit Beinisch and Yona Blattman.

Nonetheless, Harish admittedly under terrific pressure from the threat of a High Court ruling, and from the press, as well as the bulk of the country's jurists and his justice ministry colleagues, edged towards the realization that nothing less than (Continued on back page)

Big hurdle to rotation has been removed

By ROY ISACOWITZ
Post Political Reporter

The cabinet decision not to establish a commission of inquiry into the General Security Service affair has removed a major - and possibly the last - obstacle to the rotation of the premiership, Labour Party MKs said last night.

Few in Labour anticipate major developments in the affair, or in any other area, in the less than four months remaining until Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir replaces Shimon Peres as prime minister.

Peres has virtually no way of redressing his defeat in the cabinet vote yesterday. "His only option, if he wants to do something about it, is to go to the president and resign - and I certainly would not advise him to do that," said MK Simcha Dinitz.

Alignment Knesset caucus chairman Rafi Edri said that the situation created by the vote "demands reappraisal." But there is no expectation in Labour that the government could break up as a result.

Over the past few weeks, several Alignment ministers, including Minister-without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman, have said that they doubted whether they would be able to serve under Shamir. Within the (Continued on Page 9)

Cabinet 'No' to Shin Bet judicial inquiry

A-G: Police to probe political side too

By BENNY MORRIS
and BARBARA AMOUYAL

Attorney-General Yosef Harish is to tell the High Court of Justice today that there will be a police investigation of the General Security Service (Shin Bet) affair following yesterday's rejection by the cabinet of a judicial commission of inquiry.

Harish told *The Jerusalem Post* yesterday that the police would probe "all aspects" of the affair, including the possible involvement of the "political echelon."

The national police spokesman also said yesterday that "if the police reach a stage at which it is necessary to investigate political elements, then these will be investigated."

But the possibility of a further delay in the start of the police probe and of a new, major rift within the Justice Ministry surfaced yesterday after the cabinet vote. Justice Minister Yitzhak Moda'i told *The Post* that only the High Court could decide on whether such an inquiry was needed - implying that Harish's de-

cision to proceed with an investigation was not necessarily final.

Moda'i said he believed that no police action would be taken until the High Court handed down its decision next Sunday on the five petitions before it on the Shin Bet affair.

After the cabinet vote yesterday Police Minister Haim Bar-Lev announced his intention to seek a blanket court order barring publication of any details of the police investigation, including the names of the investigators and the suspects, and the subjects covered by the probe.

Sources in the Prime Minister's Office said yesterday that a police investigation would inevitably "reach as far down as the smoking pistol" with which the two captured Arab terrorists were killed in April 1984. They meant that the police would uncover the names and roles of the Shin Bet men who have not been pardoned and who took part in the killings and subsequent cover-up before three state inquiry panels during 1984-85, as well as investigate the four Shin Bet men - including Shin Bet chief Avraham Shalom -

who were pardoned a fortnight ago by President Herzog.

Communications Minister Amnon Rubinstein, one of the first advocates of a judicial commission of inquiry, said yesterday that he had "no doubt" that the police investigation would cover the political echelon as well.

But Labour ministers condemned yesterday's 14-11 cabinet vote against a commission of inquiry, saying it would effectively let the political echelon off the hook.

A police investigation, the Labour ministers said, would seek the perpetrators of criminal acts, and would therefore focus on the operational level - the men involved in the killings and the cover-up. The police might "reach the political level" in their questioning, but would probably find no evidence of criminal wrongdoing by politicians and so would not recommend prosecution of the politicians, the minister said.

A judicial commission of inquiry, on the other hand, while probing what had happened in the field, would also have addressed itself to the functioning of the political level - (Continued on Page 2, Col. 2)

ANALYSIS

BENNY MORRIS

especially yesterday, Harish consistently acted independently of the cabinet majority which opposed both a judicial inquiry and a police investigation. Yesterday's decision has scotched the option of an inquiry commission but Harish's other alternative - a police investigation - will proceed as he had insisted it should.

Eight guardsmen die in Madrid car-bomb attack

MADRID (AFP) - A car bomb tore through a Spanish Civil Guard bus in central Madrid yesterday killing eight and injuring about 30 in an attack attributed by police to the Basque separatist movement, ETA-military.

Officers said the bus, with about 60 young civil guards aboard, took the full force of the car bomb, splintering into a heap of twisted, carbonized metal, pulverized glass and splashed blood.

It was the worst Basque attack in 12 years. The deaths raised to 28 the number of victims of political violence in Spain this year.

The blast in Republica Dominicana

Square was heard within a five kilometre radius. It destroyed three parked cars and catapulted a passing taxi into the air and onto a parked truck.

Although the attack was not immediately claimed, police said it was the work of the "Madrid Commando" of the ETA-military, which had claimed previous blasts in the Spanish capital, notably an April 23 bomb that killed five Civil Guards and injured six.

The latest attack came in the face of heavy police reinforcements, pointing to an increasing ETA-M capability to hit government forces virtually at will, observers here said.

The message behind the bombings

Senior sources in the defence establishment don't believe that the recent clashes on the northern border indicate any essential destabilization of the situation there.

Israel's two air strikes in the past four days against the headquarters and training camps of several pro-Syrian terrorist organizations in Lebanon had a twofold purpose: to let both the Syrians and the terrorists know that Israel's policy of possibly disproportionate reaction to terror was still in force, and to pre-empt further terror attempts.

Yesterday's strike at Damour, historically a jumping-off point for seaborne terrorist operations against Israel, can be regarded as being in the second category.

Security sources have long expected an escalation in terror from the Lebanese border. They predicate their calculation on three factors. □ Extremist Shi'ite opposition to

Military Correspondent
Hirsh Goodman discusses the thinking that led to the Air Force raids on the terrorist bases

the tacit but effective *de facto* cooperation between the IDF and Shi'ite elements in southern Lebanon.

□ The effective closure of all other fronts against Israel due to Egyptian and Jordanian actions against the PLO coupled with a tougher international stand on terrorism.

□ Increased Syrian dependence on satellite forces to heat up the Israel-Lebanon front in an attempt to deflect Beirut's factional conflicts by deflecting attention towards Israel - the common enemy.

It is precisely because of the predictions of increased terrorism that Israel reacted with such force and on

such wide a scale. The message was intended not only for those organizations actually bombed, but also for those such as the Hizbollah, in the Bekaa, who have recently increased their attacks against targets in Israel and in the Security Zone.

In addition, the raids were undoubtedly intended as a message for the pro-Arafat Fatah elements of the PLO who have re-established themselves in the refugee camps in Tyre, Sidon and Beirut. They were being told not to vent their anger against King Hussein, who recently closed Fatah offices in Jordan, by stepping up their activities across the Lebanese-Israeli border.

Israel's reaction, sources claim, will stifle rather than fan the flames of conflict. One senior source said he hoped the two air strikes had blocked future attacks by Shi'ite extremists, and discouraged others from following suit.

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	Humidity	Min-Max	Max
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Nahariya	35	16-29	28
Safed	47	16-28	28
Haifa Port	39	20-35	35
Tiberias	51	18-28	28
Nazareth	44	18-30	32
Afula	45	17-30	31
Shomron	62	21-28	28
Tel Aviv	62	20-29	29
B-G Airport	59	21-27	28
Jericho	33	21-28	28
Gaza	65	21-28	28
Beersheba	33	17-32	33
Eilat	18	25-39	40

IN BRIEF

Bastille Day

JAFFA. - French Ambassador Jacques Dupont held a reception yesterday at his residence here to mark Bastille Day. Guests included Premier Shimon Peres, Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir, Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin, Minister-without-Portfolio Ezer Weizman, and Tourism Minister Avraham Shalom, as well as members of the diplomatic corps, senior IDF officers, and government officials.

Call for Israeli Arabs on embassy staffs

ACRE. - The spiritual leader of the Moslem community in Western Galilee, Sheikh Mohammed Khoubeshi, has appealed to Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir to appoint Israeli Arabs to work at Israeli embassies abroad.

'Racism a U.S. import'

Racism is an undesirable U.S. export to Israel which, if allowed to spread will endanger the future of Israeli society, President Herzog said last night in Jerusalem at the opening session of the 22nd annual American-Israeli dialogue, sponsored by the American Jewish Congress. Herzog said that MK Meir Kahane began his movement in the U.S. and continued to receive financing from there.

Beret-rule enforced

KIRYAT SHMONA. - The IDF Northern Command is cracking down on soldiers who fail to wear their berets.

Tiger on the loose

GOLAN HEIGHTS. - A tiger is on the loose on the Golan Heights. Armed officials of the Society for the Protection of Nature and volunteers are searching for the tiger, which apparently escaped from Kibbutz Natrut.

WORLD CUP BASKETBALL

Israel were again beaten in the World Basketball Cup in Barcelona last night. They lost to Brazil 90-75 in the second game of the semi-final series.

In earlier games Cuba defeated Greece 74-46, the U.S. beat Canada, 77-45 and Yugoslavia beat Italy, 102-76.

Ministry of Communications

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- A number of post offices in Tel Aviv and the Central and Northern Districts will close on odd days during a period of two or three weeks.
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Appropriate notices have been put up in all branches. The Ministry of Communications has made every effort to facilitate staff holidays, with the minimum disruption of services. Our apologies to the public.

HOME AND FOREIGN NEWS

House Committee imposes five-session ban for 'slandering' Speaker

Unbowed Porush barred from Knesset

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent
The House Committee yesterday punished Aguda MK Menahem Porush, banning him from attendance at five consecutive sessions of the plenum, for having been abusive to Speaker Shlomo Hillel and refusing subsequently to apologize. Porush, however, was unabashed. He said that Hillel should have apologized to him first for having "incited against the Orthodox public."

The punishment resulted from a

joint complaint against Porush submitted to the House Committee by all the Deputy Speakers, who charged him with a "grave outburst against the Speaker, in unbridled and slanderous language."

The banning from five sessions was made in accordance with Article 72(b) of the House Rules. At the House Committee debate, several members said no MK in the history of the Knesset had ever spoken so abusively.

After the House Committee passed

judgement, Porush issued a statement of his own, complaining that Hillel had not only incited feelings against him and all Orthodox Jews, but had also prevented him from making a personal statement from the rostrum at the close of the session. "For the first time in the Knesset's history."

Porush wrote, "The House Committee decision does not deter me and does not offend me. I shall continue my campaign against those who incite against Tora Judaism."

The trouble between Hillel and Porush began some time ago, when Hillel opened a debate on the need for tolerance and patience between different sectors of the population. Porush trumpeted to the media his intention of checking out a bus shelter in Jerusalem with an allegedly lewd poster and of painting it over, if necessary. Hillel referred to "a certain MK" in his speech, without naming him. Porush exploded in fury and accused Hillel of inciting the public against the ultra-Orthodox.



Mayor Teddy Kollek sings "Jerusalem of Gold" with choristers here for the 14th Zimriya festival, which opens tomorrow in Kfar Sava. From left: Patrick Hoff (Netherlands), Joy Gold (U.S.), Kollek, Alberto Smith (Panama), and Katia Peters (Germany). (Vera Etzion)

London's El Al bomber admits Syrian link

By JERRY LEWIS
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

LONDON. - Nezar Hindawi, the 32-year-old Jordanian accused of attempting to place a bomb on a Tel Aviv-bound El Al Boeing 747 on April 17, confirmed to police that he had had Syrian assistance, according to prosecuting counsel Timothy Langdale at Lambeth Magistrates' Court yesterday.

Hindawi had acted on instructions "from agents of the Syrian government," Langdale added. Having taken his pregnant girlfriend Anne Marie Murphy to Heathrow Airport to catch the El Al flight, he admitted to the police that he had given her a flightbag containing a time-bomb.

The plane had come from New York and was due to take off with 358 passengers and crew aboard. Had a member of the airline's security staff not been suspicious of the weight of the bag, the bomb hidden in its false bottom would have detonated at 1:04 p.m., when the aircraft was flying over Austria.

Hindawi, having left his girlfriend at the airport, then returned to London, and, as he explained to Scotland Yard investigators, was due to

have joined a Syrian aircrew travelling home that day.

Langdale said that, while at the Syrian embassy, Hindawi met a man he believed to be the ambassador. He subsequently identified the man from a photograph. He had been told he had done "good things" and was "not to worry." His hair was dyed and cut.

According to the prosecution, Hindawi was eventually detained by police at a London hotel. During police interviews he admitted responsibility and said he had been given ammunition and a gun by Syrians in London.

The court was told that Anne Marie Murphy would not be called during the committal proceedings, as she was due to give birth to Hindawi's child. She would, however, give evidence at the trial itself, now likely to take place towards the end of the year.

Hindawi looked relaxed and untroubled as he listened to an interpreter translate a series of lengthy challenges to prosecution witnesses by his defence lawyer, Michel Maslin. The initial hearing is due to end today.

Peres names team to set GSS norms

Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Prime Minister Peres has named the three-man committee, to be chaired by former Military Intelligence chief Aharon Yari, that is to set guidelines for operational norms in the General Security Service (Shin Bet).

The appointments must be approved by the cabinet. Establishing the committee was one of the conditions set by President Herzog almost a fortnight ago when he agreed to grant pardons to Shin Bet chief Avraham Shalom and three other officials of the organization implicated in the Shin Bet affair. Shalom resigned as part of the deal.

Aluf (res.) Yari is today the director of Tel Aviv University's Institute for Strategic Studies. The other two members of the panel are Press Council president Yehoshua Rotenstreich and Aluf (res.) Rafael Vardi, former coordinator of activities in the administered territories.

'Didn't want to break strike'

By ARYEH RUBINSTEIN
Post Knesset Reporter

Health Minister Mordechai Gur said yesterday that it had never been his ministry's intention to break the nurses' strike.

Reporting to the Knesset on the ministry's activities, Gur said he was happy the strike had ended "without winners," but with a basis for continuing the negotiations with honour.

The minister said there had been

coordination between the ministry and the Treasury on the necessity of not dealing with the nurses' wage demands while the government and the Histadrut were negotiating on an overall wage agreement.

But the nurses could now bring up their non-wage demands, he said, "most of which the health system, or at least the Health Ministry agrees with." The problem of nurses leaving the profession or switching from full-time to part-time work could not be ignored, Gur said.

Moshav demonstrators damage security fence

By DAVID RUDGE
KIRYAT SHMONA. - Members of Moshav Margalit damaged part of the security fence along the border with Lebanon yesterday and clashed with police during a demonstration near their moshav, a few kilometres north of here.

They were protesting against the non-payment of \$1.5 million they maintain is owed them by the now-defunct trading organization of Moshavei Hagalit.

The Moshav members had previously received permission from police to stage a demonstration outside the gates of their settlement.

Scores of families took part in the protest, setting fire to tyres on the security road.

Later, the demonstrators, shouting, "If we do not have a livelihood, we do not need security," tried to damage the fence itself.

Police moved in to stop them and

scuffles broke out, several policemen and policewomen were pushed to the ground by the angry demonstrators.

Four demonstrators were arrested and later released. Police said they were continuing their inquiries.

The moshav, founded by families from Iran, Iraq and Kurdistan, has 300 members; unlike other farming settlements, it has not had serious financial difficulties despite the crisis in agriculture.

Moshav secretary Moshe Tzohar said the economic situation began to deteriorate after the collapse of the Irqun Hakniet of Moshavei Hagalit.

Many moshav members had invested money totalling some \$1.5 million in the buying organization.

The moshav had already sent pleas for help to the prime minister, the finance minister and the agriculture minister, but to no avail, said Tzohar.

AIR FORCE

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patented the attack and ordered the evacuation of all its bases in the area," the spokesman told the Associated Press.

Police said the planes dropped several delayed-action bombs that went off in a chain of blasts after the planes completed their five bombing runs.

Terrorists and Druse militiamen fired scores of Soviet-made shoulder-launched SAM-7 missiles at the attacking Phantom fighter-bombers escorted by F-15 fighters. But the IAF pilots dropped hot air balloons that deflected the heat-seeking projectiles, police reported.

The raid was the first IAF strike in the Beirut area since April last year. Three previous IAF raids this year were all in the Sidon area.

Lebanese Prime Minister Rashid Karamah said the Israeli attack was aimed at "sabotaging the Beirut security plan," which was launched under Syria's auspices two weeks ago to reinstate government authority.

MKs told: 1-in-20 crimes by areas Arabs

By ASHER WALLFISH
Post Knesset Correspondent

One out of every 20 crimes in Israel in 1985 was committed by an Arab from Judea, Samaria or Gaza, Nitzav Yigal Marcus, head of investigations at police national headquarters, told the Knesset Interior Committee yesterday.

However, Marcus said, Arabs from the areas are responsible for 13 per cent of the sexual offences committed in Israel, 11 per cent of the murders and attempted murders, and 3 per cent of all drug offences.

The two Likud MKs who demanded a discussion in the committee on crimes committed in Israel by Arabs from the areas, said that permission granted Arab workers to stay inside the Green Line until 1 a.m. should be amended to make them go home earlier.

Marcus said the police implement the 1 a.m. deadline selectively, by detaining only those Arabs still loitering on city streets after midnight.

Interior Committee chairman Dov Shilansky said: "A Jew cannot sleep overnight in Nabulus because Israeli law has not yet been applied to the areas. So why should an Arab from Nabulus sleep overnight in Tel Aviv?"

Shilansky also noted that the sub-human conditions in which Arabs from the areas have to spend the night in Israel could be done away with, if police bothered to enforce the ban on overnight stays.

One of the two Likud MKs, Ovadia Eli (mayor of Afula), commented to committee member Abed-el-Wahab Darawsha that one of Darawsha's relatives had been arrested for stealing arms from an IDF camp. Darawsha said the man involved was not a relative and called back to Eli: "You are a first-class racist. People talk about Kahane. But they don't know we have another Kahane in our midst."

An angry shouting match followed between Eli and Darawsha, who live quite close to each other in the North.

Shilansky managed to calm them, undertaking to meet the two later and sort the trouble out.

After the meeting, Eli apologized to Darawsha, explaining that he had been misled by a newspaper report. Darawsha then announced that if anything he had said was offensive to Eli, he took it back.

Austrians pleased by Israeli envoy's return

By ILONA HENRY
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

VIENNA. - Israeli ambassador to Austria Michael Elitzur was greeted warmly yesterday by Austrian officials when he appeared at the Bastille Day celebration at the French Embassy here.

Elitzur was recalled to Israel for consultations after the election of Kurt Waldheim as Austrian president, and returned to Vienna only after Waldheim's inauguration. Attending the French reception was his first official act back in the Austrian capital.

Many Austrian officials greeted Elitzur personally and expressed their satisfaction with his return.

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In Shevardnadze talks

British FM moots chemical war ban

LONDON. - Foreign Secretary Sir Geoffrey Howe yesterday put forward Britain's latest proposals on banning chemical weapons to Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze, here on a two-day visit.

The proposals will be presented on Thursday in Geneva by Minister of State at the Foreign Office Timothy Renton, who also took part in yesterday's talks.

The three hours of talks at Chevening, the foreign minister's official country residence in south-east England, covered "all main aspects of relations" between the two countries, the Foreign Office said. It described the discussions as "relaxed, constructive and detailed."

The ministers agreed that there should be more

regular contacts between Britain and the Soviet Union.

The Soviet foreign minister told reporters on arrival in London that he was seeking a British response to Moscow's latest arms control proposals. "For us it would be important to get a clear idea of the British position," he said.

The Kremlin's latest proposals offer major cuts in strategic missiles in return for curbs on the U.S. Strategic Defence Initiative, known popularly as Star Wars. The proposals contain what the Soviets see as a compromise which would allow the U.S. to continue laboratory research into SDI.

Shevardnadze, who will give a news conference at the Soviet Embassy tomorrow before he departs, was due to see Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher later yesterday.

Later, it was announced that both Thatcher and Sir Geoffrey have accepted an invitation to visit the Soviet Union.

Both Thatcher and Howe are expected to stress that Britain is keen to see movement in the whole arms control field.

Soviet officials have indicated in recent weeks that they believe Britain is in a position to exert active influence on the U.S. in arms control negotiations.

There has also been speculation in diplomatic circles that the Shevardnadze visit could produce a firm date for the promised Reagan-Gorbachev summit.

The Moscow line is that the summit can only take place if the international atmosphere is conducive to such an encounter. (AFP, Reuter)

U.S., USSR tie in maths

WARSAW (AP). - The U.S. and the Soviet Union tied for first place with 243 points each overall in the team standings of an international high school mathematics competition. In the individual competition the six-man American team won three gold and three silver medals. The Soviets won two golds and three silvers.

West Germany came third followed by China, East Germany and Romania.

Of Israel's six-man delegation, Yoav Yaffe scored 30 points for a silver medal while bronze medalists were Raz Naot and Eitan Sayag, both with 18 points.

The participants answered six questions over two days last week and an international jury graded the results over the weekend.

Cairo news report: Israel, Iraq talks on weapon deal

CAIRO. - Israel and Iraq reportedly undertook direct negotiations in March to discuss Iraq's proposed acquisition of Israeli weapons, according to reports published recently in the Egyptian opposition newspaper, Al-Ahram.

The meeting took place between Iraqi Foreign Minister Tahar Alkeisi and Israel's United Nations representative Binjamin Netanyahu after Israel refused to deal with Iraq through a third country, the newspaper said.

Israel's first condition in the negotiations was that Iraq aid the Middle East peace process and, secondly, that it stop aiding terrorist organizations, the newspaper said. (Itim)

'Iraqi coup fails'

DAMASCUS (AFP). - An coup d'etat by dissidents in the Iraqi armed forces was foiled recently, the Syrian news agency Sana said yesterday in an unconfirmed report.

The Syrian dispatch, which cited "well-informed sources" did not say when the reported rebellion by opponents of Iraq's war with Iran took place, or how it was quelled. Syria has supported Iran, Iraq's rival in the war.

Bid to aid West Bankers

Hussein vows to keep Jordan R. bridges open

AMMAN (AP). - King Hussein vowed yesterday to continue Jordan's open bridges policy to the West Bank as a part of a "silent battle" to help Palestinian Jordanian citizens remain on their land there.

Speaking before a conference of Jordanian expatriate workers, Hussein also cautioned that Jordan would "take necessary measures" to ensure the bridges "pump life and Arabism into our people," rather than become an outlet through which "the evils of our enemies might penetrate."

Following the king's split with PLO leader Yasser Arafat last February, PLO backers have been subject to increased scrutiny from intelligence services when they cross the bridge to visit family and friends. But Jordan recently agreed with

Israel to extend the hours during which people can travel to and from the West Bank.

Meanwhile, Arafat told the West German weekly *Der Spiegel* that the latest conflict between himself and Hussein was a theatre play staged by the latter, according to Reuter.

"The Jordanians and the Palestinians are one and the same and no one will succeed in driving them apart," said Arafat in a recent interview. The PLO leader added that Hussein has no option of replacing the PLO because West Bank Palestinians firmly support his organization.

In Jordan, Hussein met Sunday night with senior PLO representative Abdul Razak al-Yahya. Amman radio reported.

EEC to increase aid to Egypt

CAIRO. - The European Economic Community will increase its aid to Egypt but urges the Cairo government to reach an agreement with the International Monetary Fund regarding its \$32 billion foreign debt, the EEC commissioner for north-south relations said Monday.

Claude Cheysson told a news conference that Egypt's economic problems had figured highly in his three days of talks with President Hosni Mubarak and other ministers.

"Egypt has to reach an agreement with the international monetary fund to get a few billion dollars to tide it over the present crisis and to enable it to get necessary credit from other sources," Cheysson said.

In Brussels, the EEC's Executive Commission said yesterday that it wanted to step up community grants to the UN agency which cares for Palestinian refugees in the Middle East from approximately \$16 million annually to \$20 million a year.

Iran denies arms deal with France

NICOSIA (AP). - Mehdi Navab, head of Iran's Economic Investment Organization has denied speculation that Tehran has agreed to buy weapons from France in return for the French repayment of a \$1 billion Iranian loan to the French Eurodif Company, which was frozen in 1979.

Navab's comments, reported yesterday by Iran's Islamic Republic News Agency, monitored in Cyprus, contradicted optimistic statements by French officials recently regarding the freeing-up of the loan.

Meanwhile, Iran claimed that 150

Iraqi soldiers were killed or wounded when Iranian troops carried out an amphibious assault on the southern islands in Iraq's swampy Majnoon oilfields yesterday, the Iranian news agency also reported.

Chinese PM in Spain

MADRID (AP). - Prime Minister Zhao Ziyang of China arrived in Madrid yesterday from Crete for a four-day visit as a guest of his Spanish counterpart Felipe Gonzalez.

Pressure over C'wealth games

Workers, pupils protest South Africa emergency

JOHANNESBURG. - More than 100,000 black workers stayed away from their workplaces or staged work stoppages yesterday in protest against the detention of trade unionists under the 33-day-old state of emergency.

And some black schools were deserted yesterday - the first day of the second half of the school year - as the authorities imposed strict security measures to control the movements of the country's black pupils.

The workers were responding to a "day of action" called by the country's biggest trade union federation, the Congress of South African Trade Unions (Cosatu).

The labour monitoring group, comprising independent labour specialists, said nearly 20 per cent of unionized black workers heeded the call in the industrial heartland of Transvaal province, with many factories left without black staff.

The stay-away was reported particularly effective in the coastal city of Port Elizabeth, traditionally a centre of black radical activity, where General Motors closed down its assembly plant.

The government reported that over 80 per cent of black schoolchildren returned to school across the country. But several schools in the giant black dormitory city of Soweto and in Cape Town appeared deserted, and large groups of teenagers were seen wandering the dusty township streets.

South African Information Minister Louis Nel renewed his criticism of locally based foreign correspondents and said they had not answered his challenge to produce reports on what he called positive reform issues.

The Foreign Correspondents' Association replied that the minister must be aware of "the many objective reports on legislative reform and social change that we have made."

Meanwhile, advocates of tough economic sanctions against South Africa kept up the international pressure for such measures yesterday, with the forthcoming Commonwealth games in Scotland still the focus for their efforts.

The day after two South African-born women athletes, runner Zola Budd and swimmer Annette Cowley, were excluded from England's team for the Commonwealth games, the Indian government asked its squad to delay leaving for Edinburgh while authorities in New Delhi considered joining a boycott of the event.

Five African countries have already withdrawn from the games because of Britain's refusal to impose economic sanctions on South Africa as a way of helping end Pretoria's apartheid policies of racial separation.

In London, Sports Minister Richard Tracey said the Commonwealth games will go on despite the withdrawal of five African states. (AFP, Reuter)

COSMONAUTS. - Soviet cosmonauts Leonid Kizim and Vladimir Soloviyov will return to earth tomorrow after four months in space.



Republican Guards parade on the Champs Elysees in Paris yesterday on the occasion of Bastille Day, the French national day. (Reuter telephoto)

Moslem-Hindu riots in 6th day

AHMEDABAD (AP). - Moslems attacked a Hindu temple and at least six people were killed to death yesterday elsewhere, in western Gujarat state, as widespread Moslem-Hindu clashes raged for the sixth day.

Police said a mob of more than 100 Moslems attacked a Hindu temple in the outskirts of Ahmedabad last night. Police did not identify the attackers by religion but residents and other sources said Moslems

were besieging the temple. Earlier, at least four Moslems were stabbed to death by Hindus in random attacks in the city.

The deaths raised the toll to at least 50 in violence across Gujarat state since Wednesday.

Forty of the deaths have come in an explosion of religious passions in Ahmedabad where seven Moslems were doused with kerosene and burned alive by rampaging mobs over the weekend.

Killers of German industrialist 'trained with Palestinians'

BONN (JTA). - At least three of the ten West German terrorists being sought for possible complicity in the murder of industrialist Karl Heinz Beckurts and his driver, received military training at Palestinian terrorist camps, according to officials in the Wiesbaden-based federal police.

The officials believe that the terrorists could easily find refuge in Middle East countries where they are supported by Palestinian and other groups. Nevertheless a giant man-hunt is underway in Germany.

Andreotti starts Rome gov't talks

ROME (Reuter). - Italian Prime Minister-designate Giulio Andreotti began formal consultations yesterday to help him form a government despite total opposition by the Socialists to his efforts.

Andreotti, 67, a veteran Christian Democrat who has been prime minister five times, began talks with the parties after being given his highly difficult mandate last week by President Francesco Cossiga.

But there was no indication of any softening in the tough socialist stance against his nomination and adamant refusal to join any government led by him.

Without the Socialists, Andreotti will be unable to rebuild a five-party coalition of the type which resigned on June 27.

Revolution in Fleet Street

High-tech rivalry in UK press war

With a staff of 15, a budget of £7 million and the highest nipple count in Fleet Street (22 in the 32-page "dumpty"), *Sunday Sport*, the latest contender in the newspaper stakes has made its first semi-public appearance.

Meanwhile, the more august *Financial Times* has unveiled plans for a fairly rapid leap into new technology and the left-of-centre *News on Sunday* has enlisted the services of merchant bankers Guinness Mahon to raise £9.5 million for its launch.

After the traumas of Rupert Murdoch's printing move to Wapping and Eddy Shah's faltering attempt to get the high-tech *Today* off the ground, the second stage of the Fleet Street revolution has arrived.

Shah demonstrated the potential of new technology while Murdoch's ruthless blow at the heart of print union power softened up the onetime unions for a far more flexible response to technological change.

Newspapers are queuing up to move to London's Docklands, where they will be near-neighbours of Murdoch's plant. Telegraph Newspapers, Associated Newspapers and *The Guardian* are all set for the move. Other papers are acutely aware of the huge production cost

advantage secured by the Murdoch papers and are planning big economies.

Only Roger Bowes, chief executive of the Express group, is sceptical about the cost benefits of new technology, which include direct input, meaning full computerization of the printing process, cutting out the need for a separate typesetting operation.

Today's technical and distribution problems have broken the spell of new technology and ruptured the assumption that technology alone is the answer to all Fleet Street's problems. In launching the *Financial Times* high-tech plans Frank Barlow, the chief executive, was careful to stress that the objective was not primarily to cut staff but to improve efficiency and the quality of the product.

The brash new *Sunday Sport* has taken cost-cutting to the very limit, employing a mere 15 people. It will contract out not only printing but advertising and all major support services. The editor, Austin Mitchell, anticipates at 1.3 million circulation by Christmas.

In stark contrast, the new up-market *Independent* has an £18 million budget, 350 staff and every

intention of securing a large share of the quality newspaper readership.

The *News on Sunday* falls somewhere between the two and, in the view of the unions, has adopted the model for new technology agreements which gives traditional print unions a role in typesetting but still uses a direct input system. It will employ 200 people, contract out its printing in the same way as *The Independent*, and ambitiously aims for 1.1 million readers within three years.

The irrepressible Robert Maxwell will launch his evening paper, the *London Daily News*, in October, while quietly putting on the back-burner plans for a women's daily and *Good Day*, a down market tabloid. Meanwhile, all the Mirror group's efforts are channelled into introducing colour printing on the existing titles.

With the pressure of competition from new papers, the cost advantages enjoyed by Murdoch's papers and the realization that the option of standing still has vanished, the national newspapers are in a state of ferment. The major question nagging at the back of all newspaper executives' minds is whether there are enough readers to go round.

(London Observer Service)

FOREIGN NEWS IN BRIEF

Hard-pressed Nigerians turning to dogmeat

LAGOS (AFP). - Nigerians, faced with rising food prices, are increasingly turning to dogmeat, a magazine reported yesterday.

Nigeria's largest-selling magazine *Newsweek*, said the favourite preparation is dogmeat pepper soup, although barbecued dog is also gaining popularity.

Newsweek quoted Trick Chuckwak of Plateau state, central Nigeria, as saying he does not let more than three days elapse without eating dog.

Salvador Dali gets pace-maker after operation

BARCELONA (Reuter). - Spanish surrealist painter Salvador Dali has been given a pace-maker after a heart operation, doctors here said yesterday.

They said the 82-year-old artist was recovering well after the 45-minute operation late Sunday night.

Hess back in prison from hospital

BERLIN (AP). - Rudolf Hess, once the deputy to Nazi dictator Adolf Hitler, was returned to Spandau prison yesterday after a nearly week-long hospital stay.

The 92-year-old Hess's condition was said to be "satisfactory".

Soviet defence minister begins Finland visit

HELSINKI (Reuter). - Soviet Defence Minister Marshal Sergei Sokolov arrived here yesterday at the head of a top-ranking military delegation for a five-day visit to Finland on his first trip to the West since his appointment in December 1984.

Sokolov was accompanied by Admiral Vladimir Chernavin, commander-in-chief of the Soviet Navy, and Marshal Alexander Yefimov, commander-in-chief of the Soviet Air Force.

Will Saudis whip Australian nurse for booze?

RIYADH. Saudi Arabia (AP). - An Australian nurse, Diane Elizabeth Lartram, has been arrested in strictly Islamic Saudi Arabia for alcohol consumption and sentenced to 60 lashes, but will probably be deported instead. Riyadh-based western diplomats reported yesterday.

Philippine typhoon death toll now 119

MANILA (AP). - The death toll from Typhoon Peggy climbed to 119 yesterday, officials said, as rescuers sifted through debris and flood water left behind by last week's storm.

More than 350,000 people were still at evacuation centres in northern and central Luzon island and Manila, said the Philippine National Red Cross.

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How ministers were brought into line on the Shin Bet vote

Likud bosses wield the big stick

By SARAH HONIG

Post Political Correspondent
TEL AVIV. - The Likud's steamroller was operating at high gear in the early hours of yesterday morning to prevent any defections of allies in the General Security Service (Shin Bet) controversy. By the time the cabinet was called into special session, the Likud leaders felt they had achieved their aim of safeguarding the majority they had put together against the setting up of a judicial inquiry commission.

The steamroller was put to work after the Likud got a severe jolt late Sunday night from its ally, Interior Minister Yitzhak Peretz of Shas. The minister, who had strenuously opposed any probe into the GSS affair, appeared swayed by Attorney-General Yosef Harish's appeal for a judicial inquiry. Although Peretz continued to maintain that any investigation would be harmful, he said that if the choice were narrowed down to either a police probe or a judicial inquiry, he felt the latter was the lesser of two evils.

This rang alarm bells in the Likud camp. If this was Peretz's attitude, there was no telling how the attorney-general could have swayed Ometz's Yigael Hurvitz, whose cabinet seat was made available to him from Labour's quota. There were also fears that Morasha's Yosef Shapira, who like Peretz is a cabinet member by courtesy of the Likud, could change his tune.

No one quite knew to what tune the National Religious Party's Dr. Yosef Burg was planning to

dance.

With so many question marks there was a likelihood that the Likud's majority would dissipate, with any single defector creating a momentum that would encourage other defections.

This started a hectic night of activity. First came urgent phone calls to some of the wavering ministers. These yielded immediate results. Hurvitz assured the Likud leaders that "attorney-general or not, I have my own fingers on the pulse. Any investigation in this context would be a gross travesty of justice and I will not agree to it. My mind is made up," he declared, and probably heard a sign of relief at the end of the line.

Burg, too, managed to ease some Likud anxieties, though he still kept his cards close to his chest. "No unequivocal statements were made, but between puns and quips, Burg intimated that he would not support the judicial commission proposal," a leading Likud figure told *The Jerusalem Post*. "We came away with the feeling that at worst [from the Likud's point of view] he may abstain or pull out a compromise formula of his own."

The ostensibly most loyal Likud satellites - Peretz and Shapira - were "the most difficult to deal with," as a reliable Likud source put it. The phone calls made to them failed to allay apprehensions and thus meetings with the two were scheduled very early yesterday morning. The argument put to them was that what the Labour proponents of an inquiry commission were really

after had nothing to do with justice or with seeking the form of inquiry that would least harm the security services. The real target, it was maintained, was Vice Premier Yitzhak Shamir, with the objective being to torpedo rotation.

The two ministers were told that the Likud would not stand for this and that the establishment of a judicial commission would mean the end of the national unity government and early elections. This is one development which neither Morasha nor Shas can afford at the moment.

Morasha has just split and Shapira is far from certain where his new ally, the NRP, is heading. Shas, too, must wait and see if attempts to revitalize the NRP are successful. If the NRP is coming back, it would pay Shas not to rush to the polls.

By the time the sessions with Peretz and Shapira had ended, the two were said to have agreed with the Likud that the judicial commission's sole purpose would be "to hound Shamir," as a senior Shas source put it. The Likud leaders were thus able to enter the cabinet session certain of 13 votes for themselves as against only 11 for Labour, with Burg a possible 14th for the Likud or an abstainer.

This was good news for the Likud, as only a few hours earlier some of its ministers had resigned themselves to the idea that a judicial inquiry was unavoidable and that all efforts should now be concentrated on finding terms of reference for the commission that would be as innocuous as possible.



Meeting of the faiths

MADRID. - "ONCE THERE was a wise man, or perhaps he was a king, who had a ring of great value, which had passed down in his family from father to son for many generations. He had three sons, all of whom he loved and he did not know which should have the ring."

The parable of the three rings, in which the father makes two more rings and none of the sons knows which ring is authentic, is well known in the realm of religious dialogue. But it was not without significance for the recent colloquium of the International Council of Christians and Jews, which included Moslems in its deliberations for the first time. For one thing, the conference met in Spain, where the flourishing, if relatively brief, cooperation of the three faiths before the Inquisition is a constant memory. A less mentioned, but just as constant memory, is also the centuries of intolerance and persecution which followed this epoch of understanding.

The conference offered an attractive programme. Opening in Madrid, it continued in Toledo, visiting the ruins of Spain's Jewish culture and then came to the ancient university town of Salamanca for its deliberations.

As something of a sceptic concerning interfaith relations, I did not expect to find much of interest in seeing people sitting around telling each other how much they loved one another. Probably, I thought, I would spend a great deal of my time yawning.

But the churches and the colleges of Salamanca went unnoticed as I found, to my surprise, that those involved were willing to do more than just repeat platitudes.

Unfortunately, the romantic attraction of the venue seemed to attract not just myself. Some 200 participants took part, about double the number expected, and even the very spiritual personalities tended to grumble when they found their accommodation less than ideal. But for some, the discomfort provided a certain "brotherhood of suffering."

On a personal level, the meteoric star of the conference was Prof. Riffat Hassan, a Pakistani Moslem who teaches in the U.S. She presented a moving, if somewhat unorthodox view of her religion. But unorthodoxy is far from unusual at such a gathering, where it is often only those who appear heretical to their coreligionists who can reach an understanding with those of other faiths.

It was thus with a certain amount of surprise that I noted the presence of Rabbi H. Rodriguez Pereira of Amsterdam, dressed in the long black coat and black hat normally associated with the ultra-Orthodox. Usually such conferences are attended by non-Orthodox rabbis.

He surprised me even more when, in a study session on the sacrifice of Isaac (or Ishmael), he suggested that one must not omit mention of Kierkegaard when discussing this subject. But when I asked him point blank, he said that he did not feel there was any point in a theological dialogue.

"They (the Christians) are seeking their roots in Judaism, and I am willing to help them in this. They know this and they accept it," he told me. But I could not help but notice the obvious pleasure that he too seemed to derive from the various sessions.

Somewhat different was Rabbi Zvi Marx, an Orthodox rabbi from the U.S., who is affiliated with the Shalom Hartman Institute in Jeru-

salem. Dressed in shorts and sport shirt, with a floppy cloth hat, he was as informal as Pereira was formal. But his mastery of the language of "religious dialogue" was complete, even if he seemed to use such words as "sharing" or "interchange" with a figurative tongue in cheek.

It was not his dress, or even what he said, that made him an outstanding figure at the conference, but rather his dynamic ability to relate to others on a very personal level. He typified what the conference was all about - a meeting of people of good faith, who apparently take their respective faiths seriously, and who can relate to each other.

In the words of Prof. Shalom

HAIM SHAPIRO reports from Spain on the recent inter-faith colloquium there

Rosenberg of the Hebrew University, another Orthodox Jewish participant, who spoke at length on the parable of the three rings: "As a believer, I must believe that I have the true ring, just as you believe that you have the true ring."

It was also Rosenberg who pointed out that the Rambam, whose name had been bandied about, had in many ways felt theologically closer to Moslems than Christians. The real danger, Rosenberg noted, was the "Gnostic" view of the world which divided people into "the sons of light and the sons of darkness, with the sons of light of course being us."

But whatever the intrinsic understanding, the path to a more intrinsic relationship is not an easy one. This was evident in a lecture by Prof. Hava Lazarus Yafeh, also of the Hebrew University, and the very heated response by Hassan, who especially objected to what she saw as a characterization of Islam as monolithic.

In response to Yafeh's comments about Moslem suspicions of scholars from outside the faith, Hassan reminded the participants that most Islamic countries had only recently emerged from a period of colonialism and that many of the orientalists were in fact Christian missionaries. Nor would Hassan accept Yafeh's claim that Moslems will not acknowledge Jewish and Christian influences on Islam.

In a comment that brought down the house, she said that "as a feminist theologian, I can tell you that the worst excesses against women in Islam are the result of the Judeo-Christian tradition."

As a side-note, one might mention that Yafeh took Hassan's comments very much in stride, but was obviously very upset with a comment, by a rabbi, that it was "unwise" to have had a non-Moslem talk about Islam. "If we can't talk about each other what are we doing here?" she asked indignantly.

Just as interesting as the exchange, was Prof. Hassan herself, whose very personal and emotional involvement with the theme of inter-religious understanding was quite evident. In an interview later, the 42-year-old professor of comparative religion explained that she had been born in Pakistan and educated in England, studying English literature and philosophy.

Divorced and with a 12-year-old

daughter, she teaches religious studies at the University of Louisville in Kentucky, right in the middle of the American Bible Belt.

Her fields of interest are "feminist theology" and "ecumenical theology."

Feminist theology, she said, is the movement to "rediscover" the feminine elements in all religions which had been "suppressed" by male theologians. All of the interpreters, she felt, had had a bias against women. But a feminist theologian today could be either a man or a woman.

For example, she explained, two of the common words to describe God in the Koran were *rahman* and *rahim*, both coming from the word, similar to that in Hebrew, for womb. The word for people was *ummah*, from the word *um*, "mother," but all this had been ignored. Instead had come the creation story, with Eve being created from the "crooked" rib of Adam, according to Islamic teaching.

In her relationships with Jews, she was aware of a closeness in religious beliefs that was far stronger than that between either Judaism or Islam and Christianity. Having visited Israel a few years ago, she was well aware that "not all Israelis are oppressors" and also that "Israeli Jews are not at all like American Jews."

Her own theology, she admitted, was far from orthodox. She could not regard the *Sharia* (Moslem religious law) as divine, as did most Moslems. "I challenge that," she said. "We are only required to accept the Koran. The rest is open to question."

"I don't want to sound anti-traditional," she added, sounding much like a liberal rabbi, "some parts of tradition are valuable."

In fact, there is no place where she is completely at home. In the U.S. she feels the lack of a Moslem community deeply, especially in view of the fact that she has a young daughter. In Pakistan she is also not at home, even though she feels that there is a movement for change, especially among young people.

But she cannot find a common language with other Moslem theologians, either in Pakistan or in the U.S. "I am in a state of exile. Neither at home in the secular pluralism of America, nor in the narrow confines of the more traditional Moslem community. But I do affect the conservative Moslem theologians, even if they do reject me."

Hassan was perhaps the most striking example of an outstanding personality who came forward at the conference, but certainly not the only one.

As one speaker noted, there were some who took far greater risks than others. For some, it was a mere spiritual venture; for others a professional risk; yet for some their presence could mean a real danger to their lives.

As one Jewish participant noted, there was, within the massive walls of the university, always the feeling that "inquisitors" are waiting in the cellars. For some at least, there were inquisitors of one form or another, representatives of religious fundamentalism or political extremism waiting for them back home.

But in the square of Salamanca, with the cool breeze blowing, and with participants sitting together in what was perhaps the real business of the gathering, getting to know one another, the inquisitors seemed to have all but disappeared.

Israel's jelly-fish invasion

By DAVID RUDGE

Jerusalem Post Reporter
HAIFA. - The jelly-fish invasion of Israel's Mediterranean coast - particularly in the north, but as far south as Ashdod - is continuing.

The almost translucent creatures, some with slightly bluish tinge, have effectively prevented bathing at some beaches.

Worst hit has been the Haifa area, where lifeguards have hoisted red flags a number of times in the last few weeks to warn bathers of the jelly-fish. Thousands of the creatures - some as big as 60 centimetres across - have been found in the water just off the beaches and many have come ashore.

The jelly-fish inflict a toxic sting, which can cause excruciating pain for several days, followed by itching. In certain cases the sting causes a mild shock and this can be dangerous for someone swimming in deep water.

The head of the dermatology department at the Rambam Hospital in Haifa, Dr. Rachel Friedman, said that far more people had sought treatment for jelly-fish stings this year than in previous years.

"In most cases there was a localized swelling where the person was stung. But there were also many cases of generalized swelling and redness which we have never seen before," said Dr. Friedman.

WHAT TO DO

The Interior Ministry's supervisor of beaches says that the burning sensation caused by jelly-fish stings can be relieved by rinsing the affected area with clean sea water. If further relief is needed, domestic vinegar and meat tenderizer should be applied and washed off after three minutes.

In more severe cases, a doctor should be consulted.

Some experts say the best treatment is to rub sand gently over the sting and then wash off with sea water. The sand helps to ease the pain, and the saline solution dilutes the toxin.

Afterwards the skin can be scraped gently with the blunt side of a knife. A cold compress might also be applied if considered necessary.

"In these latter cases the patients had not come into direct contact with the jelly-fish, but appear to have been affected by the amount of toxic fluid in the water."

"I think it would be wise for lifeguards, if they see a lot of jelly-fish in the water, to warn people not to swim."

Dr. Friedman said that a particularly bad sting could cause a drop in blood pressure and even faintness. So far, however, no one had been so badly stung as to need hospitalization.

The reason for the invasion is not clear. One marine biologist told *The Jerusalem Post* that a large-scale influx occurred every few years, when certain weather and maritime conditions forced the jelly-fish up from the sea bottom.

It is still unclear whether the current species of the Medusa are the same as those usually found in the sea off the Israeli coast.

Experts believe that the jelly-fish will soon disappear as suddenly as they came.

In the meantime, the advice to bathers is to "Keep your eyes open" and steer well clear of the invaders.

Patient needs bone marrow from sister in USSR

By MENACHEM SHALEV

Thirty-one-year-old Michael Sherman from Rishon LeZion is suffering from leukemia and needs a bone marrow transplant. The bone marrow must come from a close relation and the only possible candidate is Sherman's sister, Anisa Perlova, who has been denied an exit visa from the Soviet Union.

Deputy Health Minister Shoshana Arbeli-Almouhine yesterday sent an urgent telegram to the Norwegian prime minister, Gro Harlem Brundtland, appealing to her to intercede with the Soviet authorities on Sherman's behalf.

Sherman came on aliyah six years ago and settled in Rishon LeZion. His doctors have determined that only a transplant can save his life.

Dr. Robert Gale, the American bone marrow specialist who recently flew to the Soviet Union and performed 19 operations on victims of the Chernobyl disaster, has sent a personal appeal to Soviet leaders to allow Sherman's sister to leave.

Gale has not yet received a reply.

Political jobs

By ROY ISACOWITZ

Post Political Reporter
The long-running feud between the Labour Party and the Likud over political appointments worsened yesterday, following the replacement of Employment Service head Baruch Haklai, a Labour man, with a Likud appointee.

In a telegram to Prime Minister Peres, MK Ora Namir, chairman of the Knesset Labour and Social Affairs Committee, wrote that the appropriate response to the "unprecedented" dismissal of Haklai would be the replacement of Lands Authority head Moshe Lipkin with a Labour appointee.

MK Haim Ramon went even further, demanding that the Labour ministers dismiss all Likud appointees in their ministries and replace them with Labour people. Both David Mena, who has been appointed to replace Haklai, and Mordechai Zipori, who will take over as director-general of the National Insurance Institute, were appointed on the basis of their political allegiance, Ramon said.

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Pro-PLO protest in E. Jerusalem

By JOEL GREENBERG

Jerusalem Post Reporter
About 200 Palestinians gathered yesterday at the Al-Hakawati theatre in East Jerusalem to protest against Jordan's closure of Fatah offices in Amman and its expulsion of the organization's military chief, Khalil al-Wazir (Abu Jihad).

The meeting was organized by nationalist and labour groups in the territories and included supporters of Fatah, the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine.

Speakers, including Progressive List for Peace MK Mohammed Miari, described the Jordanian actions as part of a conspiracy with Israel and the U.S. "to destroy the Palestinian identity."

An attempt to hold a similar meeting at the An-Najah University in Nablus failed after IDF troops set up roadblocks near the campus.



Natan (Anatoly) Shecharansky and his wife Avital visited members of Kibbutz Ma'agan Michael at the end of last week to mark the 54th birthday of Prisoner of Zion Yosef Begun. It was Avital's first public appearance since she became pregnant.

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Long prison terms for 3 Anabta men

NABLUS (Itim). - The military court here yesterday found three Anabta men guilty of murdering a resident of their village and firing shots at Egged buses travelling near Tulkarm.

22, received life sentences, and Tarik Minhari, 22, was sentenced to 25 years. In passing sentence the judge took into consideration the fact that the three had established a terrorist group, and that large quantities of explosives had been found in their possession.

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A NEW TEAM has taken the helm of the Conference of Presidents of Major American Jewish Organizations at a time when its preeminence as the spokesman for American Jewry is waning. Morris Abram is the new chairman and Malcolm Hoenlein has succeeded the late Yehuda Hellman, the professional who moulded and moved the Conference from its inception.

It was Nahum Goldmann who brought the Conference into being as the united voice of American Jewry to the U.S. Government. Historians have properly documented and faulted American Jewry's internecine quarrelling during the Holocaust years, and the continuation of that disunity into the 1950s.

The Presidents' Conference's increasing potency as spokesman of American Jewry reached its zenith during the Six Day War and the Yom Kippur War. Its authority was recognized by both the U.S. and Israeli governments. Organizations that remained aloof, such as the American Jewish Committee and the Agudath Israel, did not challenge its leadership and, at times, participated in its deliberations.

In the last decade, the role of the Conference has slowly but perceptibly declined. It has become a large umbrella organization including minuscule components hardly qualifying under the rubric of "major." Except on unusual occasions, most presidents do not attend and are content to be represented by a professional or an elected officer in the rank of associate treasurer. Occasionally, the Conference will be convened to hear the commercial attaché of Liberia or the Sierra Leone minister of the navy.

There are external factors. In recent years, the primacy of the Conference has been challenged by the World Jewish Congress. Almost all the organizations are members of

The Presidents' fall

New York Letter/Louis Bernstein

both roof bodies. The lines between them, if they exist at all, have never been drawn. The Conference is the more representative and democratic of the two—even though in recent years its own small and unique aristocracy of lawyers has emerged. The World Jewish Congress has been purchased outright by the Bronfman wealth, and its president sometimes speaks out on issues without bothering to consult the constituent organizations.

The Presidents' Conference operates essentially by consensus.

ANOTHER, MORE POTENT challenger to the Presidents' Conference is the America Israel Public Affairs Committee and the political actions committee groups all over the U.S. These have become a very important factor in American politics.

When the president of the United States sought a meeting with Jewish leadership on the recent Saudi Arabian arms issues, those invited came primarily from such groups. American Jewish leadership is increasingly being assumed by oligarchies of the wealthy and their components, who are not always of the calibre that Jewish leadership requires or deserves. Democratic instincts nurtured by American society will increasingly create intensifying tensions between concerned American Jews and such leadership on the communal level.

Unlike some of his predecessors, Morris Abram has an impressive track record. (Some of those predecessors emerged out of limbo and disappeared into anonymity just as

soon as their terms ended). A lawyer and former president of Brandeis University, he has served with distinction within the American Jewish organizational structure as well as in government. He has resigned from his position as vice-chairman of the U.S. Civil Rights Commission to concentrate his considerable talents and time on the Presidents' Conference.

His task was not made easier by the unexpected passing of Yehuda Hellman, whose name was synonymous with "Presidents' Conference" in recent years. His successor, Malcolm Hoenlein, is one of a breed of young professional executives who have already carved out niches for themselves in Jewish life by activity and accomplishment. He distinguished himself in recent years as director of the New York Jewish Community Relations Council.

THE SEVENTH Congressional district in Queens is heavily Jewish and heavily Democratic. It is represented by Gary Ackerman, a two-term congressman who won reelection two years ago with a lop-sided victory. He is being challenged in the Democratic primary in September by Dr. Ernest Shapiro, a Jewish physician.

This kind of a challenge would normally not lift an eyebrow except that in addition to being Jewish and a nominal Democrat, Dr. Shapiro is a member of the LaRouche Society, which is anti-Israel, anti-Semitic, and just about anti everything else that a liberal Democrat like Gary Ackerman represents.

There is method to the LaRouche

madness in presenting a Jewish candidate in a predominantly Jewish district, although Shapiro stands as much chance of winning the nomination as Shulamit Aloni does of being elected chief rabbi of Mea She'arim. What LaRouche seeks is respectability, and even a presentable showing in such a congressional district will be a formidable gain. The district contains a Hispanic enclave, and Shapiro will target his pitch in that direction and hope that his Jewish name will pull Jewish votes.

The psychology of the self-hatred of the Jews in the LaRouche movement invites psychiatric evaluation. Shapiro's family has disowned him and his sister has called Ackerman's office and offered her help. Another leading Jewish LaRoucher, its recent mayoral candidate, comes from a prominent Orthodox family. He, too, is highly educated. He is married to a non-Jewish woman. This fact was concealed from his aged and pious grandfather to spare him the pain and agony that such information would cause. The LaRoucher spitefully conveyed the "good tidings" to the aged grandfather, proclaiming his theories of the brotherhood of man.

In singling out Ackerman, LaRouche selected a Tartar for an opponent. Ackerman is an outstanding campaigner who from the beginning of his career has fought his way in the rough and tumble of gutter politics.

Having been alerted to the consequences of indifference and apathy by LaRouche victories in Illinois, the Democratic Party establishment and Jewish community in New York are seeing not only a victory but a trouncing that will send Shapiro and his LaRouche cohorts reeling into political oblivion.

The writer, rabbi of the Young Israel of Windsor Park, Queens, is a veteran member of the Presidents' Conference.

Rich and poor in Brazil

Where Jews are looking to build a just society, writes Rochelle Saidel

"THE HIGHEST priority for Jews must be to reach out to Jews of different beliefs," Rabbi Henry Sobel of Sao Paulo, Brazil, told delegates at the World Union for Progressive Judaism International Conference in Toronto recently.

Calling for a dialogue with the "moderate Orthodox," Sobel admitted there are "non-negotiable" differences. "But that should not prevent us from looking for areas of cooperation and trust," he said. "Support for Israel is one example. The struggle for Soviet Jewry is another."

"Our position as Progressive Jews must strike a good balance, manifesting strong opposition to the Orthodox establishment's use of political power to suppress Progressive Judaism, while at the same time calling for dialogue with the Orthodox moderates," Sobel said.

With regard to the Reform movement in Israel, Sobel said, "We must continue our unrelenting struggle for the recognition of Progressive Judaism." He suggested that encouraging aliya of non-Orthodox Jews would be an important step in "legitimizing" the Reform movement in Israel.

Sobel's Sao Paulo synagogue, Congregacao Israelite Paulista, has a membership of 2,000 families and is the largest in Latin America. Some 250,000 Jews live in Brazil today, 90,000 in Sao Paulo and 35,000 in Rio.

ALTHOUGH the Jewish community is only a small fraction of Brazil's population of 130 million, 95 per cent of whom are Catholic, the

Liberal Jewish leadership plays an important role in the country. Sobel told the Jewish Telegraphic Agency. The Jewish community is part of the small economic and social elite in Brazil, the five per cent of the population that owns most of the big business and land.

In the 1970s the Liberal Jewish movement made an alliance on national social action concerns with the National Conference of Brazilian Bishops, Sobel said. Describing Brazil's Roman Catholic bishops as the most liberal in the world, Sobel said they consider it their mission to build a just society in Brazil. (Brazil has the largest Catholic population in the world, with one tenth of the world's bishops.)

Under the sponsorship of the National Conference of Brazilian Bishops, Sobel coordinates a National Commission of Jews and Catholics, comprising four Liberal rabbis, one Liberal lay leader, one bishop, three Catholic spokesmen for social reform, and one Catholic specialist on Catholic-Jewish relations.

The Catholic-Jewish group recently published a 150-page guidebook entitled *Israel: People, Land and Faith*, which will be distributed in all of the country's Catholic schools. Sobel said that most Catholic children attend parochial schools, and that the six Jewish schools in Sao Paulo and two in Rio serve most of the Jewish students in the country. At least a third of Brazil's population is at a bare subsistence level, and has been left out of the country's "development."

Last November, Sao Paulo was

the site of the first Pan-American Conference on Catholic-Jewish Relations. Sobel said that the Orthodox Jewish community tried to "sabotage" the conference, because Cardinal Jean-Marie Lustiger, Archbishop of Paris and a former Jew, was keynote speaker.

The conference was, nevertheless, a success, Sobel said. One significant result was the marking of the 10th anniversary of the infamous United Nations "Zionism is racism" resolution with an official resolution signed by all of Brazil's bishops stating that "Zionism is not racism."

ASKED ABOUT anti-Semitism in Brazil, Sobel said that "overt manifestations are only sporadic, and the few that occur are fed by a 'pragmatic' anti-Israel government policy." One reason for this policy is Brazil's mounting international debt of \$110 billion, and the country's need for Arab oil and petrodollars, Sobel said. But he emphasized that "our most urgent task in Latin America today is not to obliterate anti-Semitic trends, but to rediscover and redefine what it means to be a Jew."

Sobel's congregation was founded by German immigrants in 1936 and still follows the German Liberal traditions of separate seating for men and women, with an organ and mixed choir. Sobel has headed the congregation since his ordination by Hebrew Union College 17 years ago.

In a sense, Sobel's decision to live in Brazil is a return to his "roots." The son of Belgian Jews who fled the Nazis in 1939, Sobel was born in Lisbon, Portugal in 1944. Portuguese could thus be considered his "native" tongue. (JTA)

MY FAMILY and our guests had just sat down for the Friday night Shabbat meal when our six-year-old son, Aron, said with great excitement: "Daddy, there's a police car in the driveway."

"Well, I guess you didn't pay that parking ticket," chirped my 16-year-old daughter, Atara, with a smile on her face.

I am sure that if my parents had been at the table, they would have viewed the moment with much less humour. Having emigrated from Europe, police coming to one's home on the Sabbath could only bode evil.

But this wasn't Europe. This was Monsey, New York, U.S.A., or, as it is commonly referred to in Monsey, "the Jerusalem of America." Then, too, our guest was the Shabbat-observant District Attorney of Rockland County, Kenneth Gribetz, and his wife. With the head of the county law-enforcement agency at the table, why worry?

This incident, as I shall explain,

will give you an insight into what in many ways has developed into an American Jerusalem about 50 kilometres north of New York City.

But what actually is Monsey? To begin with, it is not a political entity. Its population elects no political representatives. It is referred to as an unincorporated village in the County of Rockland. It does have a post office (probably because of the avalanche of mail solicitations by local and overseas organizations that daily inundate the population) and its own zip code, 10952.

The spiritual boundaries extend far beyond the geographical ones and are much more important.

Monsey consists mostly of single-family homes and an increasing number of two-family dwellings. The major division within Monsey is between "up the hill" and "down the hill." The former, where I live, contains many Modern Orthodox, Big Aleva-type families. The latter, as populated predominantly by Hasidic families of the Belz, Vizhnitz and

A Shabbat in Monsey

Harvey D. Wolinetz

Satmar communities. In the past few years, "down the hill" has been spreading "up the hill."

Perhaps Monsey could really be described as a *shetl* encompassing many smaller *shetlach*. We have an *eruv*, a "Shabbat boundary" encompassing the village, yet many people have an *eruv* of their own surrounding their own property. Every *rebbe* insists on having his own synagogue and usually his own *mikve* (ritual bath). There is a community *mikve* and dozens of smaller and larger synagogues.

Some years ago, one group of Hasidim established a bus service to transport people to New York City. Now there are two bus services—one run by *Stavira* (or *Silver*) Hasidim and one by *Vizhnitz* Hasidim—with separate sections for men and women.

BUT MONSEY also has strong and vibrant Conservative and Reform communities.

In Rockland County there are other Conservative synagogues, and many Reform ones. Both groups play important roles in the vitality of the Rockland County Jewish community. The major interaction with Modern Orthodox Jews takes place mainly in the activities on behalf of Israel and Soviet Jewry.

The stronghold of Modern Orthodoxy in Monsey and the town's largest synagogue of this category is the Community Synagogue, led by Rabbi Moshe Teitel, son-in-law of the recently deceased Rabbi Moshe Feinstein. A pole with a rotating

coloured light, the Monsey *eruv* light. If it's on during Shabbat, all is well with the *eruv*. There are also hot line numbers to call before Shabbat if you can't see the light. To the best of my knowledge, Monsey's was the first community *eruv* in the U.S. spanning many square kilometres.

The Community Synagogue has a membership of 200 families, including the district attorney, two former heads of the Rockland County legislature, one state assemblyman, one family-court judge, an assistant town attorney, a representative of the County Rent Board and numerous lesser political appointees.

The rabbi himself is also a physician and a leading authority in the fields of medical ethics and Halacha.

NOW WHAT about the policeman in my driveway? The officer was indeed looking for District Attorney

Gribetz. They first drove to his house, about a kilometre away, only to find no one at home. But since everyone on the block observes Shabbat, and some of the neighbours worship in the same synagogue as Gribetz, the policeman got lucky. One of the neighbours knew that they were having dinner at my house, which is why the patrol car arrived in our driveway.

Now Monsey has more than its share of Shabbat-observant doctors who get calls on Shabbat, or get beepers during the rabbi's sermon. We are, therefore, used to interruptions.

What, however, would warrant interrupting the district attorney's Shabbat serenity? And immediately after the conversation with the policeman lead my guest to use the telephone on Shabbat?

It seems that earlier in the day a young man had drowned in a boating accident in another upstate New York county. The father, an Orthodox Jew, was trying to prevent the local coroner from performing an

autopsy. Knowing of the Rockland County district attorney's religious Orthodoxy he hoped he might be able to prevail on the local authorities where the accident had occurred to waive an autopsy.

Gribetz indeed intervened, and the autopsy was waived. There have been similar occurrences in Rockland County, and with the exceptions of the most extreme cases, autopsies are not performed when the deceased's family objects on religious grounds.

There are many other instances when political leaders who are also Jewish, and in many cases Orthodox Jews, are able to expedite solutions because of their knowledge on and sensitivity to Jewish issues. These range from autopsies and public-school closings on Jewish holy days to extra police patrols during the holidays.

All this enhances the feeling that Monsey is "the Jerusalem of America."



SOLDIERS LIFTS

Jerusalem Post Reporter YESHIVA UNIVERSITY has established an "Aliya Incentive Fund" to help alumni who have decided to settle in Israel, the New York institution's president, Rabbi Prof. Norman Lamm, announced in Jerusalem last week.

To help alumni pay off the loans and mortgages they get here, the fund will give them a standing loan, of which 25 per cent will be forgiven each year that they remain in Israel, until, after the fourth year, it becomes a grant.

Lamm also announced the establishment of a "Distinguished Visiting Israeli Professorship" at the uni-

Aliya fund at Yeshiva U.

versity, the first occupant of which will be Nathan Shecharansky.

Under the programme, Israeli personalities will be invited to be "scholars in residence" for about six weeks in departments where they can enhance the studies on the basis of their living experience. Shecharansky will make himself available to the political science department in autumn 1987.

Lamm made his announcement at the festive closing dinner at the

Knesset Thursday night of Yeshiva U.'s week-long "Centennial Leadership Gathering in Israel." The university's board of trustees decided on both measures at its meeting earlier in the day at the King David Hotel.

Following his call earlier in the week to YU's 1,500 alumni living here to assert themselves "as a clear and articulate moral force," Lamm also announced that the university was going to hire an executive director for the local alumni association,

so far being run by volunteers.

Prime Minister Peres addressed the dinner meeting, praising YU and its graduates for their "positive approach" to what he said were "the two great issues of our generation" for the Jewish people— "living in the Land of Israel, and living together peacefully in spite of differences."

Among those present at the dinner were Minister without Portfolio Moshe Arens, Chief Rabbi Avraham Shapira and Mordechai Eliahu, Supreme Court Justice Prof. Menahem Elon, Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek, and former religious affairs minister Dr. Zerach Warhaftig.

Tbilisi synagogue denial

NEW YORK (JTA). — The Soviet embassy in Washington has sent a letter to Sen. Alfonse D'Amato (R. NY) saying that the Soviet authorities never planned to demolish the Ashkenazi Synagogue in the Georgian Republic of Tbilisi, but are actually repairing the building.

D'Amato and a group of congressmen and a number of Jewish groups had protested against the announced plans to demolish one of the city's two synagogues. About 20,000 Jews live in the Tbilisi area. The original

reason given for the demolition was "urban renewal" and plans for an outdoor plaza on the site of the synagogue had been discussed.

Now Soviet counsellor Vadim Kuznetsov said in the letter that work is in process to repair the structure.

Some observers noted this as another example of western pressure influencing the Kremlin's policy on Soviet Jewry.

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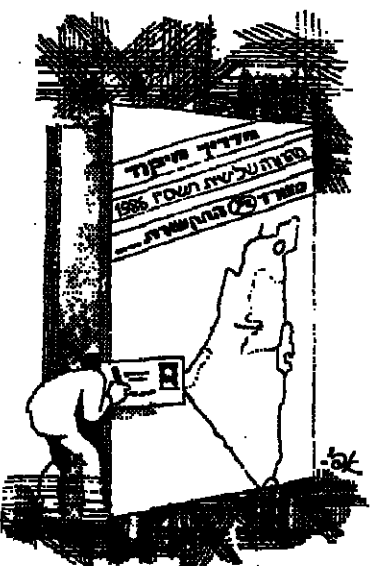
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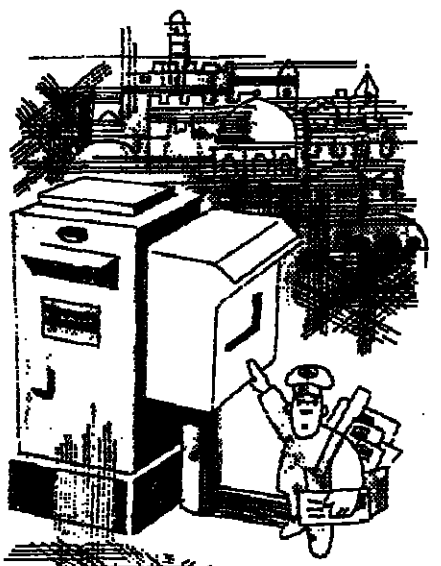
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BASEBALL: On eve of All-Star game

Twins' Blyleven blanks Yankees on three hits

NEW YORK (AP). — Minnesota's Bert Blyleven had a shutout, throwing a three-hitter to beat the New York Yankees 5-0 on Sunday.

He was one of four pitchers, who, although they failed to make their respective All-Star teams, hurled shutouts as the season reached the annual three-day midseason break.

In three other games, Detroit's Jack Morris fired a four-hitter for his second consecutive shutout as the Tigers trimmed Kansas City 5-0. Neil Allen of the Chicago White Sox hurled a five-hitter in a 7-0 rout of Baltimore and Ron Darling of the pitching-rich New York Mets scattered nine hits in a 2-0 decision over Atlanta.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Twins 5, Yankees 0
Blyleven allowed only one hit and one walk until the ninth in pitching his first shutout of the season.

Tigers 5, Royals 0
Kirk Gibson and Lou Whitaker homered in support of Morris, who struck out 12 and walked three.

White Sox 7, Orioles 0
Joel Skinner's three-run homer off Scott McGregor in the second inning was the big blow.

Angels 12, Red Sox 3
Dick Schofield homered and drove in three runs and Brian Downing hit a two-run homer.

Rangers 5, Indians 3
Larry Parrish singled home the tie-breaking run as Texas scored twice in the top of the 10th inning.

A's 10, Blue Jays 5
Mike Davis' triple sparked a five-run seventh inning as Oakland took advantage of a two-out, two-run error.

Brewers 5, Mariners 0
Rookie Juan Nieves pitched a four-hitter, striking out a season high of 12 batters.

NATIONAL LEAGUE
Darling got offensive and defensive support from centre-fielder Len Dykstra, who tripled and scored in the first inning and homered in the sixth.

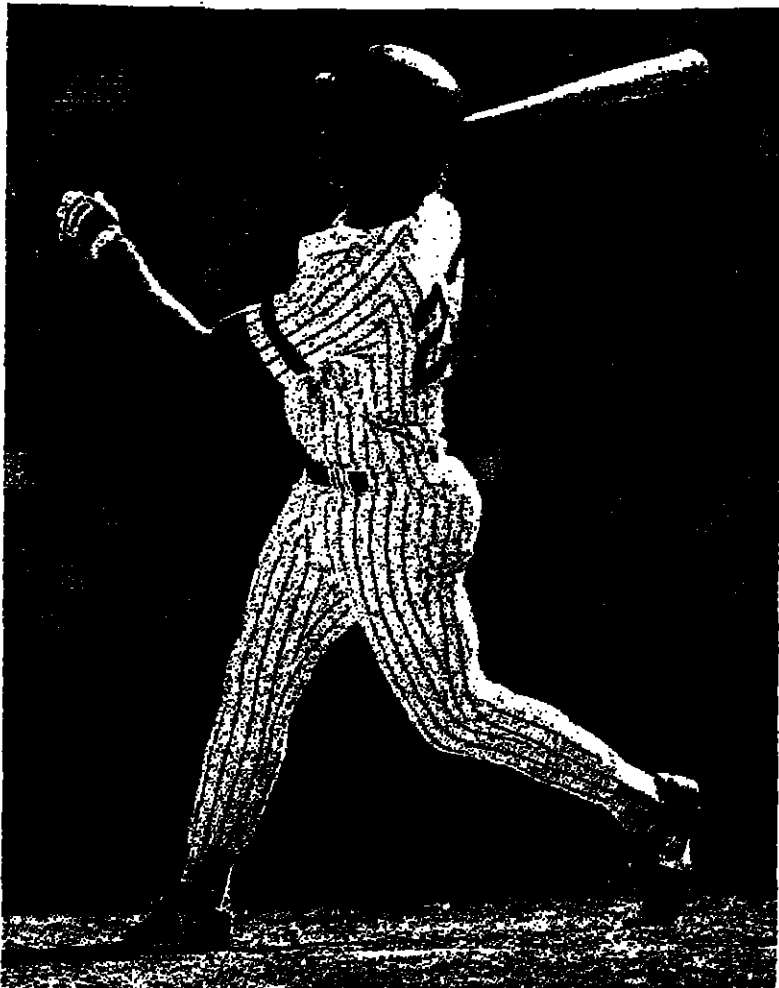
Giants 11, Pirates 4
Reserve first baseman Harry Spillman drove in four runs with a double and a three-run homer, and Mike Lacoss allowed five hits in seven innings.

Phillies 5, Astros 4
Mike Schmidt hit his second home run of the game in the top of the 11th inning off Houston relief ace Dave Smith.

Reds 3, Expos 2
Kurt Stillwell singled home a run to give Cincinnati the lead shortly before the game was suspended by rain with the bases loaded and one out in the top of the sixth. The game will be resumed on July 24.

Padres 13, Cardinals 6
Marvell Wynne had three RBI and three hits, including two doubles, while Steve Garvey had two hits during a seven-run fourth inning.

Dodgers 4, Cubs 3
Alex Trevino hit a two-run double off relief ace Lee Smith with two out in the bottom of the ninth inning.



SWEET STROKE. — The Yankees' Don Mattingly leads the American League in hits (130), doubles (31), and is second to Boston's Wade Boggs in batting with a .342 average.

NATIONAL LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
New York	39	22	.636	—
Montreal	42	20	.680	1 1/2
Philadelphia	36	26	.577	7 1/2
Chicago	34	28	.550	9 1/2
St. Louis	36	26	.577	9 1/2
Pittsburgh	35	30	.542	10 1/2

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
San Francisco	48	40	.543	—
Houston	47	41	.534	1
San Diego	45	43	.511	3
Atlanta	42	46	.477	6
Cincinnati	40	48	.457	8
Los Angeles	40	48	.457	8

SUNDAY'S GAMES

Chicago 3, Atlanta 2, 6 innings, susp., rain; New York 2, Montreal 5, 5 innings, 11 innings; Los Angeles 4, Chicago 3, San Diego 13, St. Louis 4; San Francisco 11, Pittsburgh 4.

AMERICAN LEAGUE

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
Boston	56	31	.643	—
New York	46	39	.541	9
Cleveland	46	41	.529	10
Baltimore	47	43	.520	10 1/2
Toronto	43	44	.494	14 1/2
Detroit	41	45	.477	16 1/2
Milwaukee	34	50	.405	25 1/2

Team	W	L	Pct.	GB
California	48	39	.552	—
Texas	47	41	.534	1 1/2
Chicago	46	46	.500	7 1/2
Kansas City	40	48	.457	14 1/2
Seattle	39	51	.435	19 1/2
Minnesota	37	51	.420	21 1/2
Oakland	34	50	.405	25 1/2

SUNDAY'S GAMES

California 12, Boston 3, Texas 5, Cleveland 3, 10 innings; Oakland 10, Toronto 5, Minnesota 5, New York 6; Chicago 7, Baltimore 6; Detroit 5, Kansas City 6; Milwaukee 5, Seattle 8.

DOUBLES — Hayes, Philadelphia, 25; R. Reynolds, Pittsburgh, 23; Dunston, Chicago, 22; Strawberry, New York, 22; Raines, Montreal, 21; Sax, Los Angeles, 21.
TRIPLES — Samuel, Philadelphia, 8; Coleman, St. Louis, 7; Raines, Montreal, 6; five are tied with 5.
HOME RUNS — Davis, Houston, 20; Schmidt, Philadelphia, 19; Marshall, Los Angeles, 18; Horner, Atlanta, 17; Carter, New York, 16; Parker, Cincinnati, 16.
STOLEN BASES — Coleman, St. Louis, 38; E. Davis, Cincinnati, 42; Raines, Montreal, 41; Dunston, Los Angeles, 32; Doran, Houston, 31.
PITCHING (8 decisions) — Fernandez, New York, 12-2, 8.7; Ojeda, New York, 10-2, 8.3; 2-24; Darling, New York, 9-2, 5.18, 2.54; McDowell, New York, 7-2, 7.78, 2.19; Barke, Montreal, 6-2, 7.58, 2.15; Larcen, San Francisco, 9-3, 7.58, 2.76.
STRIKEOUTS — Scott, Houston, 167; Valenzuela, Los Angeles, 136; Welch, Los Angeles, 107; Smith, Atlanta, 105; Fernandez, New York, 103.
SAVES — Reardon, Montreal, 26; Smith, Houston, 17; Gossage, San Diego, 15; Worrell, St. Louis, 15; Franco, Cincinnati, 14; Smith, Chicago, 14.

All-Star pitching duel may be World Series preview

New York Mets pitcher Dwight Gooden and Boston Red Sox hurler Roger Clemens are expected to duel at the start of today's All Star game in Houston in a match-up of fireballing right-handers that may well be repeated when American and National League champions line up for the World Series in October.

The Mets hold a commanding 13-game lead in the National League East over the Montreal Expos, while Boston are seven games in front of the New York Yankees in the AL East.

Three Mets are in the NL's starting line-up, including outfielder Darryl Strawberry, who led major league players with the most votes received — 1,619,511. Gary Carter at catcher and Keith Hernandez at first base.

Boston, however, have no starters, as Wade Boggs, the major league's leading hitter, was beaten out for the third base spot by Kansas City Royal's George Brett. Brett, making his 11th All-Star appearance, amassed 1,257,432 votes to Boggs' 1,172,529.

Starting line ups:
American League
c Lance Parrish (Detroit)
1b Wally Joyner (California)
2b Lou Whitaker (Detroit)
3b George Brett (Kansas City)
ss Cal Ripken (Baltimore)
of Rickie Henderson (New York)
of Dave Winfield (New York)
of Kirby Puckett (Minnesota)
National League
c Gary Carter (New York)
1b Keith Hernandez (New York)
2b Ryne Sandberg (Chicago)
3b Mike Schmidt (Philadelphia)
ss Ozzie Smith (St. Louis)
of Darryl Strawberry (New York)
of Dale Murphy (Atlanta)
of Tony Gwynn (San Diego)

CRICKET — Marty Meehan hit his second century of the match, worked a Yorkshire recovery that left India's cricketers with a demanding target on the third and final day of their match, but India made it with 5 wickets to spare.
Meehan, who scored 123 as an opener in the first innings, followed up by batting at number six and making an unbeaten 112 which rescued Yorkshire from 38 for four to 236 for five declared.
Yorkshire 343 for 7 and 236 for 5. India 325 for 6 dec. and 236 for 5.

From the dressing room —

By PAUL KOHN
TEL AVIV. — The annual pre-soccer season hassle — exaggerated demands, threats, and players' comings and goings — is getting into a higher gear as the keenest teams this week started training.

Zahi Ameli, the idol of Haifa who last season boasted an income of \$90,000, insists on becoming a free agent; Avi Cohen, at the age of 29, wants to start a new career with Glasgow Rangers in Scotland; and half a dozen other Israeli players have had their hopes dashed of playing for European clubs in the coming season.

"If only we had made it to the World Cup finals," is their lament, claiming there would have been queues of managers waiting in Tel Aviv, Jerusalem and Haifa for their signatures. Will Uri Mahmilian play for Betar? is the perennial fearful question at this time of the year of every blue-blooded Jerusalem football fan.

But by September 20th, when the league season kicks off, all will have safely fallen into place.

There will be some crucial changes though, if these are finally authorized by the Football Association this week. Clubs will be restricted to signing three new players, instead of the hitherto open transfer market. What will be the status of the players "loaned" last season by one club to another, remains to be resolved.

At the end of this season, four instead of three teams will be relegated, and only two Second Division clubs will gain promotion. That will mean a reduction in the size of the National League to 14 clubs, and, if this is repeated in 1988, it will reduce the Israel First Division to 12 clubs within two years.

Bowls mixed pairs

TEL AVIV. — The Israel Bowls Association's inaugural mixed pairs national championships get under way at 3 p.m. today at the Ramat Gan, Ra'anana, Savoyon and Netanya (Wingate Institute) greens.
The novel event has attracted a massive entry of 97 teams, more than half of them husband-and-wife combinations. The tournament will continue for six weeks, with the finals scheduled for the Savoyon Bowling Club.

TOUR DE FRANCE. — Rudy Dimmen of Belgium scraped a narrow victory in yesterday's 11th stage of the Tour de France cycling race. Denmark's Jørgen Pedersen retains the overall leader's yellow jersey. Connie Metjer of the Netherlands won yesterday's stage of the women's event.

World Basketball Cup

MADRID (Reuter). — Standings before last night's games in the semi-finals of the World Basketball Cup:

Group A — Barcelona	W	L	Pts
Soviet Union	3	0	244
Spain	3	0	200
Israel	3	1	253
Greece	3	0	274
Cuba	3	1	238

GROUP B — Oviedo
Yugoslavia 3 0 276 230 6
United States 3 0 263 219 6
Canada 3 0 251 224 6
Italy 3 0 224 251 4
Argentina 3 0 250 311 3
Sunday's late results:
GROUP A:
Soviet Union beat Greece 105-93 (halftime 59-46).
Brazil beat Cuba 99-83 (halftime 53-37).
GROUP B:
Yugoslavia beat China 106-82 (halftime 60-45).

TENNIS

The Hague's cool clay courts pose tight Davis Cup matches

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel and Holland this weekend square off for their fourth Davis Cup tennis tie to date, with both contestants seen in with an even chance in this European Zone "B" semi-final. The match, being played on clay in The Hague, gets under way on Friday and continues through Sunday.

Israel go into the tie buoyed by the fact that when the two countries met on hard courts at Ramat Hasharon a year ago, Israel scored an emphatic 4-1 victory. However, it is fully appreciated that on clay, and away from the heat of an Israeli summer, it will be a totally different ball game this time.

The Dutch had previously won 4-1 in Ramat Gan in 1973 and 5-0 in Amsterdam four years later. On the second occasion, Shlomo Glickstein was at the start of an outstanding Davis Cup career, which has seen him win 25 out of his 37 singles matches and nine out of 14 doubles, as Israel evolved from one of the minnows of the 70-nation competition's European Zone to among its top teams.

The Israeli team comprises Glickstein, Amos Mansdorf, Shahar Peris and Gilad Bloom, with Yosef Stabholz as non-playing captain. Coach is Shlomo Zoref and trainer Pini Shimon. The squad has already spent some 10 days working out on clay, first in Gstaad, Switzerland and now on the court in The Hague where the tie will be held. Bloom has taken time off to compete with Amit Naor in Europe in the Galon Cup annual boy's under-20 world team tennis championship, but will rejoin the side for the match against Holland.

Turning out for the hosts will be Michiel Schapers, Menno Oosting, Huub van Boeckel and Tom Nijssen. Their coach is Tom Okker, a former world top tennis and Maccabiah and Ramat Hasharon Grand Prix champion. In the cup tie here a year ago, Glickstein beat both Schapers and van Boeckel in singles and teamed up with Peris to get past the same two opponents in doubles. Mansdorf lost to Schapers in singles, but defeated van Boeckel. The in-form Israeli avenged the loss against Schapers by beating him in the second round of the Adelaide Grand Prix six months later (immediately

after the Dutch no. 1 had upset Boris Becker at the Australian Open), having coincidentally put out van Boeckel in the first round.

Stabholz and Zoref are expected to again name Glickstein and Mansdorf as the team's singles rackets this weekend, with Glickstein teaming up with Peris in doubles in a partnership which has so far resulted in only one loss in seven outings. To date, Mansdorf has played in eight singles matches, of which he has won four. There is pleasure in the Israeli camp that reserve Bloom is in top form should he by any chance be needed, the young Israeli soldier's recent successes having lifted him to 285 in the ATP's world singles rankings in a rapid climb up the ladder.

Though Glickstein has fallen to 275 on the ATP computer after a prolonged slump, the Israeli champion told me before leaving for Gstaad that, though it is sometimes hard for him to get motivated on the Grand Prix circuit, he has lost none of his zest for Davis Cup tennis. "Playing for Israel in the competition means as much to me as when I started in 1976," he said. Both Glickstein and Mansdorf (currently 80 in the standings) expressed cautious optimism about Israel's chances in The Hague, though they anticipated a very close contest.

Schapers, at present 60 in the world rankings, will be Holland's no. 1 racket, with the second berth going to either Oosting (152) or van Boeckel (205). Schapers and van Boeckel are the likely doubles pairing.

Israel crushed Belgium 5-0 at Ramat Hasharon four weeks ago to reach the semi-final, following a first-round bye. The Dutch had a walkover against Saudi Arabia before edging Nigeria 3-2 in Benin City with both Schapers and Nigerian star Nduka Odizor oddly missing from the tie.

The Israelis have now won 16 out of their 47 Davis Cup outings since entering the competition in 1949. The winners of the match in The Hague will meet either Switzerland or Hungary in October's zonal final. In the case of the Swiss (strong favourites to beat Hungary this weekend) Israel would be away, but they would have ground advantage against the Hungarians.

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U.S. to cut estimate of economic growth

WASHINGTON (Reuters). — U.S. Treasury Secretary James Baker said yesterday that the Reagan administration would soon lower its 1986 economic growth forecast as evidence mounts that the economy is more sluggish than originally predicted.

In a U.S. television interview, Baker also chided American trading partners for failing to match the interest rate cut made by the Federal Reserve board last week.

Baker declined to specify by how much the administration would drop its gross national product growth forecast when it issues its mid-year revision August 4. Early this year, it predicted an optimistic 4 per cent annual rate for 1986.

"I would say that growth has not been, and does not look like it will be during the course of 1986, what we had originally forecast, and there will be some reduction in our growth forecast," Baker said.

The first quarter GNP rate was revised to reflect a 2.9 per cent annual growth rate rather than a 3.7 per cent rate previously predicted. Many economists expect the second quarter GNP, which will be announced later this month, to reflect only about a 2 per cent or less annual growth rate.

Administration and Fed officials and many private economists had expected the U.S. economy to gain steam in the second half after a slow start in the first six months. But the most recent string of data shows no sign of that happening yet.



James Baker (AFP)

In an effort to stimulate the economy, the Fed last Thursday lowered its key discount rate to 6 per cent from 6.5 per cent. The move failed to spark matching cuts by central banks of other Western industrial nations.

Baker gently criticized U.S. economic allies, particularly West Germany and Japan, for not following the rate cut, despite the sluggish performance of those economies.

"We need some help," Baker said. "We've carried to a large degree the world economy for the last 42 or 43 months while we've enjoyed an expansion in this country and we'd like to see some help from over there."

Drop in price of British oil batters pound

LONDON (Reuters). — The price of Brent crude oil from the British sector of the North Sea hit a new low of \$9.00 per barrel yesterday, and some oil analysts and traders predicted a further fall if Opec fails to agree on quota allocations later this month.

The drop in Brent's price caused the pound sterling to spiral lower, touching \$1.4765, down from \$1.4890 at the opening, before regaining a little ground. The Bank of England's trade-weighted index touched its lowest since March 7 at 73.5 per cent of its 1975 value compared with 74.6 at Friday's close. Dealers said the sudden focus on the pound was likely to accelerate its fall.

Yesterday's fall in the price of Brent crude culminated near-steady declines since Opec's meeting in Yugoslavia ended on June 30 without a firm accord on quotas or an output ceiling for the year.

Analysts say short-term prices hinge on the outcome of the next conference, slated for July 28.

Analysts say that recent pressure on prices comes from oversupply of Opec production, sagging prices of refined products and a wave of oil under netback deals, which link the price of crude to that of refined products on the spot market.

Falling oil prices were the main factor depressing sterling, prompting fears that Britain might face a current account deficit by next year, dealers said.

However, one dealer pointed out, sterling's fall is not bad for the U.S. economy and noted the benefits of a cheaper pound for British exporters.

Most operators said sterling's decline was likely to continue, especially as the bank of England appeared to be against raising interest rates after last week's half percentage point cut in the U.S. discount rate.

The dollar was higher in fairly active trading, and dealers said they thought it would edge towards the top of its current 2.18 to 2.20 Deutschmark range.

Civil servants, self-employed find their pensions inadequate

By MACABEE DEAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter
The National Insurance Institute provides a basic pension to all Israelis, amounting in the most recent payment to NIS 158 a month for a single person and NIS 237 for a couple.

Since few people can maintain a reasonable standard of living on these amounts, about one-quarter of the country's 400,000 pensioners — those who can prove they have no other income — receive a supplementary allowance of NIS 140 for single people and NIS 213 a month for a couple.

Israel's 400,000 pensioners include 75,000 couples and 5,000 people with children under the age of 21, who receive a small additional sum. They also include some 31,750 immigrants, many of whom never worked in Israel and never made contributions to the National Insurance Institute.

Dov Pelleg, chairman of the Histadrut's Social Security Department, estimates that some 150,000 Israelis live exclusively on their NII pension cheques; the remaining 250,000 receive pensions from their former employers.

Of these, the largest group, about 140,000, are former civil servants, who receive from the government or local authorities a budgetary pension. Another 100,000 receive pensions from one of the Histadrut's seven pension funds (of which Mivtahim is the biggest and best known) and another 30,000 to 40,000 persons receive, or have received, income either from the executive, or managers, insurance pension scheme run by the insurance companies, or from the provident funds run by the commercial banks. Some people receive pensions from two, or even from all three, sources.

The Histadrut and civil service pension schemes have come under fire for allowing the value of pension payments to be steadily eroded. The

controversy surrounding the Histadrut pension funds will be discussed in a later instalment.

In the case of the civil servants, pensions are based on their last salary grade. Once their pension is determined, it is subsequently linked to the cost-of-living index and receives other increments. But it is no longer linked to the grade, or rather to the type of work performed in this government grade itself. Thus, a retired civil servant who worked at a particular job may find that his replacement in the same job received a higher grade. Moreover, all workers in Israel have a steady creep in their real wages of about 3 to 4 per cent a year. Civil service pensioners do not receive this creeping wage hike, and within five to 10 years this factor can deprive his pension of considerable purchasing power.

In addition, a good portion — as much as 35 per cent — of a government worker's salary comes in the form of allowances for such things as a car and telephone. But, although such allowances are taxed by the authorities as regular income, they are not counted for pension purposes. A civil servant retiring on a 70 per cent pension will receive not 70 per cent of his last pay cheque, but 70 per cent of 65 per cent. That means his pension will amount to about 45 per cent of his working income.

Pensioners who were once self-employed argue, meanwhile, that they must pay excessive dues to the NII even though they get the same pensions as wage-earners. Ya'acov Werker, the Chamber of the Self-Employed's expert on pensions and

taxes, points out that the self-employed must pay both the equivalent of the worker's and employer's contributions to the NII. Of the 14.05 per cent of a salaried worker's salary that is collected by the NII for pension purposes, the worker himself pays only 3.9 percentage points and his employer pays the balance.

Werker notes that the self-employed get income tax benefits that reduce the cost of their NII contribution; but he still maintains the system discriminates against one segment.

Werker further charges that the self-employed are not given the same advantages as others when it comes to pension rights. He notes that salaried workers give over 5 per cent of their salary to a pension, with their employers matching the amount and adding another 8.3 per cent each month as severance pay. Thus, a total of 18.3 per cent of salaried workers' basic pay enjoys income tax benefits.

The self-employed, by comparison, are only allowed to set aside 7 per cent of their income each month in provident funds that provide special tax benefits. Werker would like the government to allow the self-employed to get tax benefits if they save another 8.33 per cent a month — equal to the severance pay of the worker.

"Doing this will solve two problems," says Werker. "It would allow the self-employed to better provide for their old age, and it would provide the government with an annual income of several hundred million dollars (until the money is released years from now as pension funds)."

(Second in a series of four articles)

Treasury fears growing spending by consumers

By AVI TEMKIN
and PINHAS LANDAU
Post Economic Staff
The first signs of demand pressure on consumer prices and the balance of payments have begun to emerge, Treasury officials said yesterday, one day before the June consumer price index is due to be released by the Central Bureau of Statistics.

Treasury officials said they estimated prices rose by about 1 per cent during June, in line with the pace of inflation in recent months. Bank Leumi, meanwhile, forecast that the rate would remain at roughly that level — resulting in a 14 per cent annual rate — for the remainder of the year.

The Treasury's concern with the rise in consumer spending, which it estimates may soar as high as 12 per cent this year — was reflected in the meeting of the economic stabilization programme monitoring committee this week. The ministry and the Bank of Israel blame the rise in consumer spending, and the consequent plunge in savings, on the improved consumer credit facilities now available, especially the consumer loans recently introduced by commercial banks. Since the commercial banks introduced consumer loan schemes last month they have lent some \$200 million to their clients.

Officials at the central bank and the Treasury are divided on what steps to take. Some of the officials favour new taxes and levies, while others are calling for boosting interest rates on savings accounts. Those that support improved yields on savings accounts say the interest currently offered by the banks on short- and medium-term schemes are too low, deterring potential savers.

Bank Leumi said its forecast of 14 per cent inflation for all of 1986 was contingent on the economy performing reasonably well. If it did not, prices could be expected to rise 10 per cent over the remaining seven months of the year, for a total of 18 per cent for all of 1986.

Leumi's optimistic forecast, which was prepared by its economic research department, assumes that wages will not rise significantly, sparking a new inflationary cycle, and that the U.S. dollar will not strengthen appreciably on the international markets. A stronger dollar would force the government to devalue the shekel, triggering a round of price and wage hikes.

If one or both developments were to occur, inflation would pick up considerably in the final quarter of the year, bringing the rate as high as 18 per cent for all of 1986.

Inflation for the first five months of the year was 6.9 per cent.

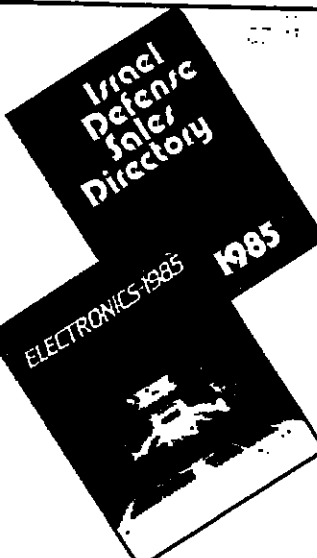
2 factory projects approved

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
The Industry and Trade Ministry has approved the first foreign investment in Israel on the basis of the new free-trade-zone agreement with the U.S., the ministry said Sunday.

The American marketing network, MAST, plus a group of Israeli investors will spend \$8 million to set

up two textile plants in Afula, the ministry said. The plants are expected to employ 670 workers and have annual sales of about \$28m., all for export.

In addition, the ministry's Investment Centre approved a \$10m. plan to build three textile plants at kibbutzim Yasur, Zuba and Milut.



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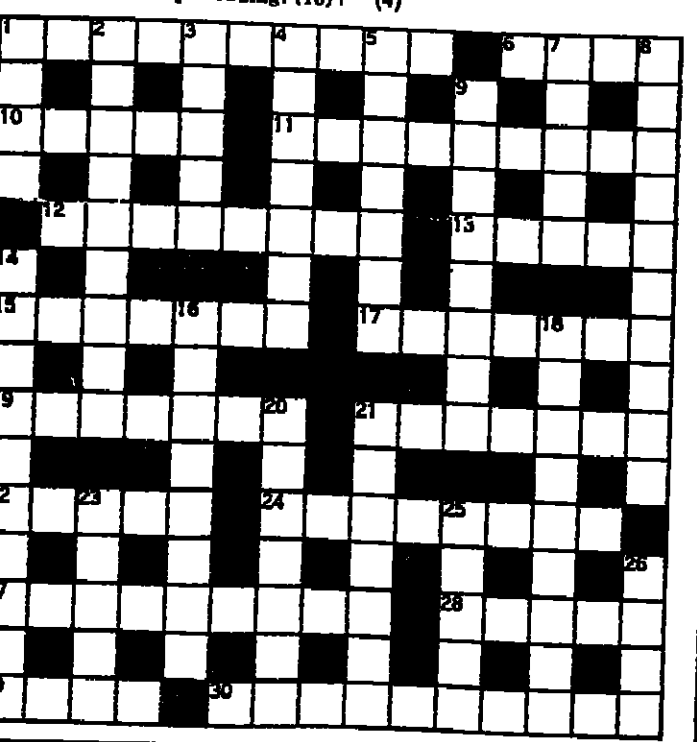
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- 1 Ten teapots broken — big pots! (10)
 - 6 First course served thus at university (4)
 - 10 Fellow leaves frozen stiff (5)
 - 11 Groom's obstacle at the outset? (9)
 - 12 Songster wide-eyed about opening of lyrics (8)
 - 13 Toil without effort to produce oriental flower (5)
 - 15 Laura so groggy, stimulation required (7)
 - 17 Whose deliveries were slow? Wardle, perhaps, right answer (7)
 - 19 Observe the eastern bay in moonshine (7)
 - 21 Langour at home, a rite to be controlled? (7)
 - 22 Herald's black skin (5)
 - 24 Remainder sprained, we hear — having cramp (8)
 - 27 Butterfly operating strangely (6-3)
 - 28 Speaking clock with personality that is meek (5)
 - 29 Round pegs? (4)
 - 30 Guy's tickle-tape reading? (10)
- DOWN**
- 1 Sal left Reading for the country! (4)
 - 2 Overhead high-tension cable (9)
 - 3 Rained off, England's opener out — this is the lowest point (3)
 - 4 Building society deposit? (3-4)
 - 5 Angered by anagram (7)
 - 7 Nothing in Latin poet like Humpty-Dumpty (5)
 - 8 Train-speed out of control? I'll walk! (10)
 - 9 Pronounce 'H' like 'Hook'? (8)
 - 14 Elsie — or Doris grimmaces like a gargoyles (10)
 - 16 Search for anything usable — namely, settle the score (8)
 - 18 Met oracle, surprisingly behind the times, bel (9)
 - 20 Brew for Basil and Rosemary, perhaps (4-3)
 - 21 Socially acceptable taste I would follow. How characterless! (7)
 - 23 Stop the car! (5)
 - 25 Allowance cut short in proportion (5)
 - 26 Fare from Holland forced up (4)



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MARKET PLACE

DOUGLAS DALZIEL

S. Africa not a key to world trade

Sanctions or no, South Africa's economy is ailing. But it is nowhere near terminally ill. Nor is it of devastating consequence to Europe and the U.S., whatever happens. In the global economic context, that tragic country on Africa's southern tip is very much second division.

Political and (very narrow) personal self-interest and legitimate moral outrage at Pretoria's actions have combined to create an aura of overall importance which South Africa does not warrant. The country is, basically, a primary producer confronting disastrous slumps in commodity prices — the classic examples being gold and coal. Its contribution to the international community is, in economic terms, quite insignificant.

Much has been made, particularly by the anti-sanctions lobby, of the supposed importance of South Africa as a source of strategic metals. But such statements do not hold up under scrutiny. South Africa does produce — in round figures — 85 per cent of the world's present platinum supply, 66 per cent of the vanadium, 31 per cent of the chrome and 27 per cent of the manganese.

These are hefty proportions of the world's requirements, and vanadium and manganese are certainly highly "strategic" in their military applications. But there are alternative supplies. Price alone has been the factor holding back the exploitation of resources in other areas such as Canada and Australia. What has happened with gold and coal — additional supplies from other suppliers — can happen just as readily to other minerals.

None of South Africa's major trading partners — headed by West Germany — conducts anywhere near the bulk of its foreign trade with the apartheid state. And even Britain's \$18 billion total stake in that country, although it is the largest single national investment, is only a small proportion of British foreign investment.

The economic world will, therefore, hardly crumble — or even crack — should South Africa be removed from the equation. There will be localized difficulties, but nothing catastrophic. Sanctions, therefore, will have marginal impact on South Africa's major trading partners. And the neighbouring states who will suffer — in some cases severely — will support sanctions as a political measure.

Some form of sanctions is likely. And the effect within South Africa of even a total blockade — a highly improbable scenario — will, certainly in the short term, also be marginal. The country has, especially since the township disturbances of 1976, faced an increasing drain on resources in the form of dividends and profit extraction along with a veritable freeze on anything more than short-term investment.

The process of divestment now being loudly campaigned for in the West has, in effect, been underway for some considerable time. Such long-established institutions as the Standard Chartered and Barclays banks have been gradually extricating themselves. Even before the current wave of unrest and repression, South British Insurance and New Zealand Insurance, Kivwido's sole commercial ventures of any weight, had withdrawn from South Africa's shores.

While many such divestment decisions followed political pressure and protests, they were invariably made on sound commercial grounds. The market has for long been quietly — in some cases almost clandestinely — moving in directions called for by anti-apartheid campaigners, moral principles and perceptions of future profitability happily coinciding.

Divestment, in most cases, has meant selling — sometimes retaining franchise and licence rights — the business to local interests. And it is local business which will most effectively resist sanctions and which will apply pressure on the government of P. W. Botha to bring about the changes required.

If change is to come about through pressure on Pretoria, it is the pressure of the local business community which will carry the day. But with the basic transport infrastructure — railways, harbours and the major air carrier — state-owned and a stockpile of fuel oil estimated as sufficient for 18 months even on current, rationed, consumption levels, pressure may take some time.

The government has also shown a total disregard for world opinion in its brutal clampdown on dissent and there seems little likelihood of this changing much in the near future, irrespective of the economic measures taken.

In the short to medium term, there will have to be negotiations leading to change. Or there will, just as certainly, be a bloody revolution in the medium to long term if, against all the odds, the present regime continues to administer the apartheid system.

(London Observer Service)

Recanatis' empire divided into 2 parts

Post Finance Reporter

The Recanati family's holdings in Israel are concentrated in two wings, joined at the top through the IDB Bankholding Corp. One wing concentrates all the banking and financial activity in Israel and abroad, its linchpin being Israel Discount Bank. The bank owned or controlled Israel Discount Bank of New York (100 per cent), Barclays Discount Bank (50 per cent), First International Bank (28 per cent) and no control, by order of the Bank of Israel, Ilanot Mutual Funds Management and many other companies.

The other wing is a broad-ranging investment arm, concentrated in the IDB Development Corp. This company controls Discount Investment Corp. (61 per cent), PEC Israel Investment Corporation (83 per cent), based in New York and run by Yosef Ciechanover, Clal Israel (29 per cent), with the majority held by Bank Hapoalim and Isrop SA (42 per cent), with the rest held by Baron Edmond de Rothschild.

IDB Bankholding Corp. holds 60 per cent of the voting rights and 67 per cent of the equity capital of Israel Discount Bank, a clear majority stake, with the rest spread among the public and guaranteed under the "arrangement" with the Treasury, following the bank share collapse in October 1983.

The Recanati family, through various companies owned by family members owns shares in IDB Bank.

Official statements

The following are translations from the Hebrew prepared by Bank Discount yesterday.

Raphael Recanati:

I today notified the board of directors of my decision to resign from all my positions of office with Israel Discount Bank and all its subsidiaries and affiliates in Israel and abroad.

I made my decision with deep regret after the government decided to approve the request of the governor of the Bank of Israel to authorize him to suspend me.

Since publication of the report and conclusions of the Bejski commission of inquiry into the regulation of bank shares my position was, and still is, that implementation of the recommendations of the commission on the personal level as regards Israel Discount Bank is unjust and without legal foundation.

The Recanati family and Israel Discount Bank have always acted in accordance with the law and have always cooperated with the policy and decisions of the government of Israel, in every sphere, including the regulation of the bank shares. All that was done in this matter was done with the knowledge and full cooperation of the authorities and the Bank of Israel.

In this spirit, when the government made its decision, I considered myself obliged to resign from all my positions of office with Israel Discount Bank without appealing the government's decision.

In recent weeks I have received many expressions of support from the bank's employees and customers, and also from the public. I was greatly encouraged by them. I thank, with all my heart, those who have helped me in this difficult period.

Israel Discount Bank has a professional and dedicated team of employees, with a firm and healthy business and organizational foundation. I call upon all employees to continue the good work they do. I am confident the bank will maintain its tradition of growth and progress.

The board of directors:

Raphael Recanati today notified the board of directors of the bank of his decision to resign effective immediately from all his positions of office in Israel Discount Bank, its subsidiaries and affiliates in Israel and abroad.

Elihu Cohen, chairman of the management committee, and Udi Recanati and Leon Recanati, deputy general managers, also resigned from the board and from their respective positions in the bank.

To permit the orderly transfer of office to the persons who will be appointed to replace them, Elihu Cohen, Udi Recanati and Leon Recanati agreed that their resignations from their positions of office in the bank will take effect not later than September 30, 1986.

The board of directors expressed its full confidence in the resigning chairman and directors, and appealed to them to remain in office. When the Board realized that its request would not be granted, it was obliged with deep disappointment and regret to accept their resignations.

Since the day it was founded 51 years ago by the late Leon Recanati, the name of the bank has been identified with the name of the Recanati family. Under the family's guidance and leadership, the bank has achieved a position of high repute in the banking community of Israel and the world.

The board of directors is confident that in the future the bank will benefit from the advice and assistance of the outgoing chairman and directors.

The Board of Directors expresses its thanks to all employees and customers for their support and encouragement of the bank and its chairman, Raphael Recanati, during the recent weeks. It will always bear their best interests in mind.



Raphael Recanati

holding giving it 38 per cent of the voting rights. However, since there are different classes of shares, the family has only 15 per cent of the total equity. The remaining 85 per cent is spread among the general public, including corporations and institutional investors. These shares are covered by the "arrangement" with the Treasury, while the family's shares are not. Nevertheless, the 15 per cent stake gives the Recanatis the dominant role in IDB, and hence the control of the bank itself.

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

MARKET STATISTICS

Indices:

General Share Index	114.62	-0.93%
Non-Bank Index	131.17	-2.18%
Arrangement	107.37	-0.29%
Insurance	146.95	-1.52%
Commerce, Services	157.13	-1.63%
Real Estate	158.05	-2.40%
Industrial	143.75	-2.20%
Textiles	143.75	-2.20%
Metals	112.97	-1.82%
Electronics	93.72	-2.31%
Chemicals	122.18	-2.40%
Industrial Invest.	112.72	-2.30%
Investment Cos.	123.28	-3.58%
General Bond Index	110.17	-0.34%
Index-linked Bonds	110.68	-0.45%
Fully-linked	111.80	-0.61%
Partially-linked	110.02	-0.30%
Dollar-linked Bonds	106.12	-0.11%
Short-term 0-1 yrs	108.01	-0.02%
Medium-term 2-5 yrs	108.14	-0.48%
Long-term 5+ yrs	106.79	-0.44%

Turnovers:

Shares—total	NIS 4,817,300
Arrangement	NIS 1,185,400
Non-Bank	NIS 3,651,900
Bonds—total	NIS 8,504,400
Index-linked	NIS 5,887,900
Dollar-linked	NIS 2,608,500
Treasury Bills	NIS 2,679,200

Share Movements:

Advances	44	(105)
of which 5%+	2	(11)
"buyers only"	230	(122)
Declines	46	(15)
of which 5%+	4	(1)
"sellers only"	88	(125)
Unchanged	56	(68)
Trading Halt		

Bond Market Trends:

Index-linked	Stable/falls to 1%
3% fully-linked	

SELECTED PRICE QUOTATIONS

Name	Price	Volume	%	Change
Meir Ezra	4105	20	-0.0	
Supernol-2	4880	641	-2.4	
Delat	2780	1784	-2.4	
Lightage	no trading			
Cold Storage	no trading			
Den Hotels	3701	97		
Yarden Hotel	3345	170	-0.1	
Hilton 1	14000	21		
Team 1	1700	522	-4.2	
Real Estate, Building and Agriculture				
Azotim	800	4834		
Elion	418	5208	-4.8	
Africa Int. 0.1	32480	55	-1.2	
Dankner	3880	83		
Prop. & Bldg.	2450	2073	-6.1	
Bayside 0.1	3800	187		
ILDC	48900	308	-2.1	
Rasoco r	8900	85		
Mehadon	6710	158		
Hadarim	1080	1051	-3.6	
Industrials				
Dubek b	3430	468	-2.0	
Pr-Ze 1	1880	821	-5.2	
Sunfrost	7650	12		
Elion	12700	55	-2.3	
Adgar	795	1573	-6.5	
Argaman r	11500	44	-4.2	
Delta G 1	no trading			
Maquette 1	23000	14	-1.5	
Espe 1	11100	20	-3.5	
Polgar	3080	529	-2.5	
Schoellerfrin	11350	40	-3.4	
Rogosin	3350	303	-4.3	
Urion 0.1 r	9250	33	-1.8	
Le Cent Co. 1	1120	740		
Zion Cables	2089	377	-5.0	
Pedcar Steel	6500	70		
Elbit	38000	17	-0.8	
Elron	311000	11	-4.9	
Art	27000	91	-3.3	
Gal Electronics	2050	725	-3.3	
Swesconix 1	1870	538	-1.4	
ACI 1	4150	106	-1.4	
Apstein 1	1680	987	+8.8	
Agan 5	18600	125	-7.5	
Alliance	2485	908	-3.9	
Dextar	3328	125	+4.0	
Fertilizers	no trading			
Haifa Chem.	780	1658	-3.8	
Teva r	49780	252		
Deed Sea r	14700	851	-1.3	
Petrochem	517	8428	-4.1	
Neca Chem.	3380	83	+3.1	
Frutran	9200	10	-8.1	
Hadara Paper	198000	40	-2.5	
Central Trade	6350	71	-2.3	
Koor p	4740000	0	-1.3	
Clal Inds.	1280	5663	-2.3	
Investment Companies				
IDB Dev. r	3535	1789	-2.5	
Elion	6700	85	-2.0	
Afr 1	no trading			
Gabelet	1240	275	-5.3	
Wolfe Corp. 1	11600		-3.3	
Hapoalim Inv.	5000	310	-3.1	
Leumi Invest.	no trading			
Discount Invest.	2110	214	-2.3	
Mizrahi Invest.	15800	7	-2.5	
Clal 10	700	3796	-6.7	
Landeco 0.1	8607	37	-1.7	
Pama 0.1	9055	53	-4.1	
Oil Exploration				
Paz Oil Expl.	12750	70	-2.3	
J.O.E.L.	1435	638	-4.3	

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RECANATI

Bank Discount's board agreed to appoint four new directors to replace those who had resigned. Of these, Ciechanover is a new member, as is Aryeh Carasso, whilst Shlomo Magriso and Raphael Molho stepped down from the board last January to make way for the appointment of outside directors and are now rejoining the board. Carasso, Magriso and Molho represent families who were among the founders of Bank Discount in 1935.

The resignations of all except Raphael Recanati will not take effect until September 30. Although only

four of the 13 members of the board are outside or public directors, while the rest are appointees of the Recanati family or their allies, analysts will be watching closely over the coming months to see to what extent the family will be able to influence the running and decision-making process in what was, until yesterday almost their own personal property.

Walter Ruby adds from New York: Frank Klein, the executive vice president of Israel Discount Bank of New York said yesterday he believes the resignation of Rafael Recanati as Chairman of the Board of IDB in Israel will have "no effect whatsoever" on the operation of our bank here.

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Danish Krone	0.1821	0.1844	0.18
Finnish Mark	0.2505	0.2581	0.23
Canad. Dollar	1.0824	1.0881	1.07
Aust. Dollar	0.9555	0.9675	0.98
S. Africa Rand	0.5672	0.5743	NA
Belgian Franc	0.3288	0.3327	0.32
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Northern reminders

THE BAD old days up north, it may seem, are back again. Since the foiling of the attempted seaborne terrorist attack last Thursday morning, rockets have been fired from north of the "security zone" into Galilee, although causing no damage, and the airforce has twice - the second time yesterday - bombed terrorist bases in Lebanon, even near Beirut.

The air strikes have been described as routine, part of the ongoing fight against anti-Israel terrorism. But in the circumstances the routine is somewhat novel.

The terrorists are mainly, though not exclusively, Palestinian, and they belong mainly, though not exclusively, to the PLO's anti-Arafat wing. Yasser Arafat has boasted this week to *Der Spiegel* that it is his men, returned to Lebanon in droves - under the "right of visit" by their left-behind families - that have been shooting Katyushas into northern Israel. But it is George Habash's men who led the amphibious landing north of Rosh Hanikra last week, supported as they were by Lebanese members of the Syrian National Socialist Party.

Syria's fingerprints may be detected in the conduct of this renewed terrorist warfare, whether in southern Lebanon or in Western Europe.

But this does not mean, as sometimes charged, that Syria is now on the warpath, using terrorism to wear Israel down and only waiting for the vaunted "strategic parity" to materialize in order to launch a lightning offensive against this country that would at least force it to negotiate a political settlement, not peace, on Syrian terms. As a long-term design the scenario is not implausible. But it does not sufficiently account for current developments.

Palestinian terrorism of the anti-Arafat variety, whether Abu Musa's or Dr. Habash's, is officially sponsored and nourished on Syrian territory. But within Lebanon it is treated rather gingerly, and at times with as much hostility as Arafat's PLO. For it is viewed as a destabilizing factor and a threat to Syrian hegemony no less dire than the fundamentalist and fiercely anti-Israel Hizbollah, Lebanese protégé of Syria's ally - to this day - Iran.

The result is that the Syrians are backing the relatively moderate Shi'ite Amal militia in its effort to destroy the refugee camps that are the Palestinians' strongholds - and that both pro- and anti-Arafat Palestinians are joining hands in battling the Syrians and their Lebanese hangers-on.

The Syrians have not exactly become Israel's friends by turning on some of its worst enemies. But a certain overlapping, however odd, of interests has emerged. When Syrian armour deployed last month near the village of Mashgara, in the Bek'a, south of what Israel considers the Syrian "red line" in the south, Jerusalem demurred, but did not raise its voice very loudly in protest. For the Syrian move was aimed to help the Syrian National Socialist Party in its battle with Hizbollah for control of the area. Israel was not happy with the duration of the Syrian army's stay near Mashgara, but it approved of the purpose.

Such overlapping, marginal and temporary, does not, however, affect basic conflicting interests.

Recognition of this fact has led some of the country's military to the conclusion that, rather than lie in wait for a Syrian offensive, Israel should resort to a decisive pre-emptive strike. The recommendation wholly ignores the lesson of the IDF's assault on Syrian forces during the 1982 "war of choice" in Lebanon, which was justified by the then defence minister, Ariel Sharon, as pre-empting a large-scale Syrian attack any time soon. It also ignores the new destructive realities of Middle East warfare, including the likely employment of long-range rocketry.

The recommendation stands no chance of official endorsement so long as Yitzhak Rabin remains the country's minister of defence.

In the meantime Israel, though, is left with the problem of how best to meet the short-range terrorist threat in the coming days. The diplomatic offensive to discourage Syria from supporting terrorism, pledged by Premier Shimon Peres, will need to be backed up by a credible promise of retaliation. But the means of retaliation must be such that - as Mr. Rabin has put it - Israel suffers the least casualties, and the terrorists the most.

THE STEELING

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a police investigation or a judicial commission of inquiry would do. Meanwhile, Peres, Vice Premier Shamir and Moda'i planned their second coup without telling their legal adviser, and unofficially used private lawyers Ram Caspi and Ya'acov Ne'eman. This almost surreptitious plan was the alternative to the presidential pardon deal.

So on that Tuesday night two weeks ago, when Harish told the assembled ministers that there was no alternative to a serious investigation, the ministers sprang their trap and Harish was caught in the presidential pardon/resignation web.

Harish, being new to the murky game of politics, was easily tricked. First, the ministers brandished the weapon of surprise. Next, he was told that President Herzog had been persuaded by Caspi and Ne'eman that, as president, he had the power to pardon persons in advance of investigation and prosecution.

Lastly, Harish was apparently never informed that Herzog had made his agreement conditional on his (Herzog's) total approval. Faced with what appeared to be a powerful combination of inner cabinet consensus, a *fait accompli* and a *deus ex machina*, Harish collapsed and approved a shady deal.

But some 24 hours later, Harish realized he had been tricked. Again, public opinion pressure by his professional peers and from the media, helped mould his thinking. So did the new High Court petitions and the court's obvious hostility to the ministers' playing fast and loose with the law. This was expressed in the show-casualty orders issued against all and sundry whose fingers were somehow involved.

Over the past fortnight Harish was pushed or came round to the view that there was no way of avoiding a major probe, either by police or commission of inquiry. Both Zamir and Harish had the same reaction. Neither felt able to defend the indefensible.

Zamir had told Peres he wouldn't defend GSS chief Abraham Shalom against suspension, and Harish had told the cabinet that he wouldn't and couldn't successfully argue against a police investigation of the GSS.

It was Harish's stubborn threat to order a police investigation if the cabinet did not appoint his preferred alternative of a commission of inquiry that led to yesterday's emergency cabinet meeting and the current Likud-Labour impasse.

In appointing Harish, Moda'i, Peres and company failed to take into account that 25 years on the bench necessarily instil a gut feeling for what is right and what is wrong, what legal and what illegal or semi-illegal. They failed to take into account the influence of peer judgement and pressures, especially by High Court justices and within that highly professional, non-partisan institution, the Justice Ministry.

Above all, they failed to take into account that truth will out. In sum, the ministers were so involved in machination, stratagem and tactic, that they failed to realize that men grow in their jobs and that office often determines the way men act once they assume it.

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Negotiating for Soviet Jewish aliya

Arye Levari

EXCEPT for the defence of the state, no other issue on our agenda is likely to determine the future of Israel and of the Jewish people to a greater extent than that of the Soviet-Jewish aliya. Beyond its role in Israeli history, this aliya is also tremendously important as a means for granting a life of radically greater freedom of individuals.

And yet we possess no reliable knowledge about the decision-making process of Soviet leaders who determine how many Jews may emigrate from the USSR.

There are simply no sources for this kind of information. Those men and women who have heroically withstood the pressures of the Soviet penal system cannot offer any confidential information about the inner workings of the Politburo. We rely at best on plausible conjecture. This is so even when we try to explain past events, particularly the mass exodus of Jews from the USSR for several years and the subsequent limitations on emigration.

Soviet-Jewish aliya was certainly not a condition of détente, first proposed by the U.S. and agreed to by the USSR.

NOW we are besieged by uncertainties when deciding what to do in order to bring about a renewal of aliya from the USSR.

We engage both in public action and what we call quiet diplomacy. One cannot really entertain any doubts as to the importance of public action as it creates external pressure on the Soviet regime. The more forceful the action, the better the chances that the Soviet leadership may adopt a policy which will remove the pressure by eliminating its cause.

Public action for Soviet-Jewish aliya outside the Soviet bloc also encourages aliya activists inside the USSR. It strengthens their ability to generate internal pressure on the regime. The pressure is probably the principle precondition for a liberalization of Soviet emigration policy.

Public activities also lead to a closing of Jewish ranks, crossing boundaries and bridging generations, and including many assimilated and marginal Jews. This, in turn, enhances our capabilities of conducting more pro-alya actions.

All that we know of the present situation indicates a need for increasing public pressure for Soviet-Jewish aliya.

THE MAIN thrust of Israeli di-

plomatic activity for Soviet-Jewish aliya has been a sustained effort to enlist the support of the U.S. and other Western powers in bringing demarches to the USSR in favour of the right of Soviet-Jewish emigration, and in turning the issue of Soviet-Jewish aliya into a recurrent, integral element of the Western-Soviet dialogue. We have often encountered sympathetic responses from Western representatives who have repeatedly interceded with the Soviets on behalf of individuals. They have also appealed, though to a lesser extent, to the Soviet authorities on the principle of the human rights of Soviet Jews to leave for Israel, as laid down for example in the Helsinki Accords.

One cannot expect that Soviet-Jewish aliya will ever become a central issue in the dialogue between the West and the USSR. Nevertheless, we must pursue this diplomatic approach for nothing but good can come of it.

It makes no sense, however, to assume that only this indirect diplomatic approach should be employed. No opportunity for direct diplomatic contacts with the Soviets ought to be neglected.

HERE TWO questions arise: which diplomatic frameworks and what kind of diplomatic content are the most promising? Everything indicates that direct exchanges with the Soviets will have better chances of success if conducted secretly. The Soviets need secrecy, since publicity concerning their contacts with Israel could adversely affect their relationship with the Arabs.

Therefore, Israeli leaks about diplomatic conversations with the Soviets reduce prospects of renewing Soviet-Jewish aliya. Such leaks give rise to Soviet suspicions of deliberate Israeli double dealing, of Israeli maneuvers designed to drive a wedge between the Soviets and the Arabs and, at the very least, of an absence of a serious Israeli approach. Any chance of meaningful Israeli-Soviet negotiations on aliya may well be ruined if advanced by unbridled Israeli public boasting following preliminary and tentative soundings taking place between Israelis and Soviets. Such boasting, caused primarily by vanity and by personal or political public relations needs, has unfortunately occurred.

Utilizing an as yet untried, truly secret, diplomatic framework, we may find that possibilities exist for negotiations with the Soviets. The Soviets are probably interested in many subjects which we consider not negotiable. In exchange for Soviet-Jewish mass aliya, however, we should be able to agree on kinds of compensation which so far have not been discussed between ourselves and the Soviets. One may assume that there would be difficult and costly, but not utterly impossible, concessions.

Of course, it is possible that the Soviets will systematically frustrate all attempts at a meaningful dialogue, or present us with impossible demands, rejecting every mutually acceptable compromise. On the other hand, it is no less plausible to assume that a determined and sustained effort could bring about effective negotiations and, in the end, some real progress towards renewed mass aliya from the USSR. After all, there are relevant precedents in the case of more than one Soviet bloc country, though not of the USSR.

IF WE ever reach the stage of practical decisions, very hard choices will probably have to be faced. Subjects like Israeli participation in the "Star Wars" project or the use of Israeli territory for American broadcasts beamed to the USSR may well come up and should not be excluded in the context of give and take.

We may be able to seize a suitable opportunity to raise the question of the scope of Soviet military aid to Syria, though this would remain a side issue.

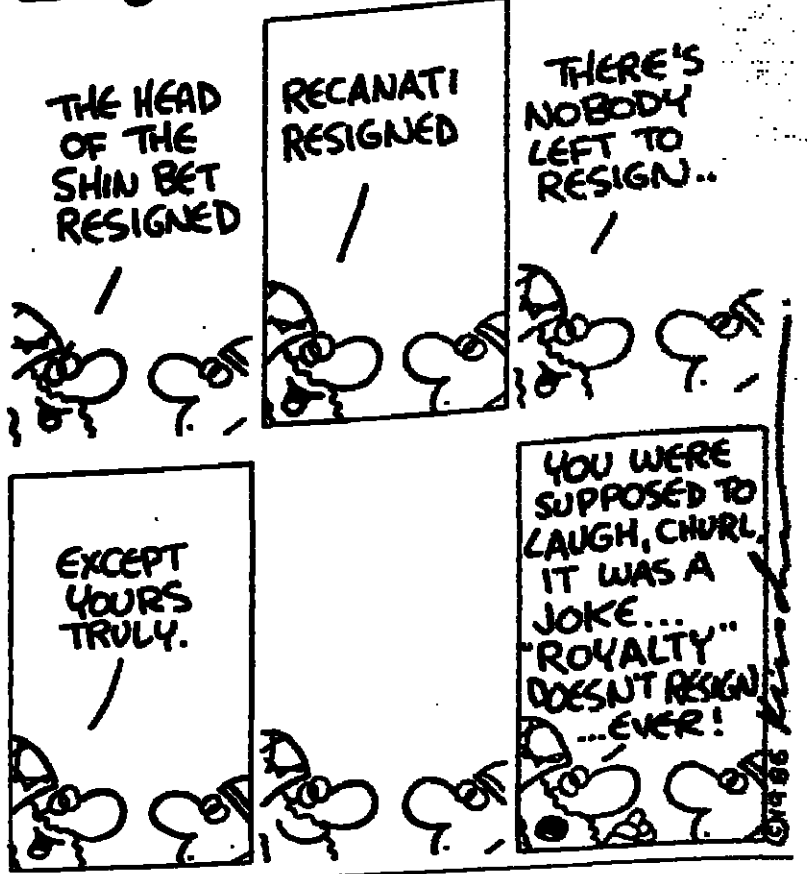
As for the method of arriving at a general Israeli-Arab settlement and its ultimate terms, this is, of course, the cardinal issue affecting Israel's security and fate. In this sphere, Israel must retain its freedom of action at all costs.

It may not be easy to harmonize some of the unavoidable concessions with our special relationship with the U.S. This would pose a very difficult problem for our leaders.

What causes Israeli leaders to try to be more American than many, possibly most, Americans is not, of course, anti-Soviet hostility. Rather it is a justified preoccupation with the need to strengthen Israel's ability to deter, and if necessary defeat, our enemies in the Middle East.

Our relationship with the U.S. helps us, almost decisively, to maintain a defensive capacity. It also

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READERS' LETTERS

IDA NUDEL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Your story on Ida Nudel is one of the best articles I have ever read and the photos are wonderful. Let us only hope that the Russians will feel compelled to let her go. Her dignity must surely put them to shame.

SALLY LEHR

Tel Aviv.

Sir, - The Ida Nudel story of June 27 is so distressing that surely many readers will be wondering how they can respond to Ida's appeal. They will have heard her heart cry: "If you

JERUSALEM.

ELECTORAL REFORM

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - On July 16, the Knesset is scheduled to vote on a bill to change the present electoral system which has produced rule by extremist splinter parties and establish in its place a constituency-based form of elections.

Readers who are fed up with the present system and who want direct Knesset representation and accountability by MKs to their electorates should telephone MKs and ask them to vote yes.

ELIEZER WHARTMAN

Jerusalem.

GREAT ARTICLE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Our compliments on the magnificent article by Moshe Kohn on his visit to the United States which appeared on July 3. We could feel his travels and the reader felt with him as he revisited his homeland.

It is this type of writing style and technique that makes your paper such a great and important newspaper.

Keep up your good stories and "mazal tov" to Moshe Kohn.

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WATER SHORTAGE

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - On July 4, you published an advertisement depicting ways of saving water. This apparently does not apply to the municipality and the hotels.

In Haifa, the municipal gardeners water lawns and plants only in the sun, sometimes for hours.

The Dan Carmel Hotel waters its gardens in the morning in the sun too, so lavishly that the pavement is sprinkled too and people cannot pass there.

I think that the municipality as well as the hotels should set a good example for saving water.

HAIFA.

VERA REICH

THE ATTORNEY-GENERAL

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post Sir, - Your report of June 27, "Attorneys call on Harish to quit," implies that I called for the resignation of the Attorney-General, Yosef Harish, for his "bumbling incompetence."

I never said such a thing or anything like it. I stressed that we should relate to events not on the basis of personalities, but only of substance.

In view of my great respect for the office and person of the Attorney-General, I advised him to consider carefully whether it would not be wise, in view of what had happened,

to hand in his resignation and return to the bench.

YACOV RUBIN, Advocate.

Chairman, Jerusalem Branch, The Israel Bar

Jerusalem.

Barbara Amouyal comments:

"Bumbling incompetence" was used to describe the "virtually unanimous condemnation" of Attorney-General Yosef Harish's role in the GSS affair and was mentioned several times during private conversations before and after the meeting. I did not attribute this quote directly to Mr. Rubin. What Mr. Rubin said, and what was quoted in the article, was his public call for Harish "to return to the judge's bench."

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